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ABBREVIATIONS

ADC	Andean Development Corporation
CDCC	Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee
CEGAN	Committee of High-level Government Experts
CLADES	Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
ILO	International Labour Organisation
ILPES	Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning
IMF	International Monetary Fund
JUNAC	Board of the Cartagena Agreement
LAIA	Latin American Integration Association
OAS	Organization of American States
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OLADE	Latin American Energy Organization
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization
PREALC	Regional Employment Programme for Latin America and the Caribbean
SELA	Latin American Economic System
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNSTAT	United Nations Statistical Division
UNU	United Nations University
WHO	World Health Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

INTRODUCTION

This thirty-eighth report of the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean covers the period from 28 April 1994 to 20 April 1996. It includes the report of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, held at San José, Costa Rica from 15 to 20 April 1996.

I. ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

A. ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE COUNCIL

At its twenty-sixth session, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean received an invitation from the Government of Aruba to hold its twenty-seventh session at Aruba, in 1998. On 20 April, the Commission adopted resolution 562(XXVI), in which it accepted that invitation and recommended to the Economic and Social Council that it approve the holding of the twenty-seventh session of ECLAC in Aruba in 1998.

B. ISSUES BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

At its twenty-sixth session, held from 15 to 20 April 1996, the Commission adopted three resolutions of particular interest to the Economic and Social Council.

In its resolution 561(XXVI), "Admission of Anguilla as an associate member of ECLAC", the Commission admitted Anguilla as an associate member of ECLAC.

In resolution 552(XXVI), "Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean", the Commission welcomed the document prepared by the ECLAC secretariat entitled "Strengthening development. The interplay of macro- and microeconomics", which it considered a "meaningful frame of reference for an assessment of the process of economic transformation and for developing suggestions for Governments on how to strengthen development". In the resolution the Commission reaffirmed the importance of supporting productive modernization processes in small and medium-sized enterprises by improving their access to financing, and urged the secretariat to pay particular attention in its further work to the special situation and needs of the smaller economies of the region.

In resolution 553(XXVI), "Reform of the United Nations and its impact on ECLAC", the Commission affirmed that, in Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC was especially well qualified to undertake the tasks entrusted to it by the Economic and Social Council in the framework of a restructured United Nations. ECLAC should therefore function as a centre of excellence charged with collaborating with member States in a comprehensive analysis of development processes geared to the design, monitoring and evaluation of public policies and the resulting provision of operational services in the fields of specialized information, advisory services, training and support for regional and international cooperation and coordination. The Commission recommended further that ECLAC should pursue its efforts to improve its performance, productivity, impact, efficiency and effectiveness, and decided to establish an ad hoc working group open to all ECLAC member countries and empowered to define priorities for the programme of work and to recommend to the Commission strategic directions for its future activities. The ad hoc working group was also entrusted with preparing a progress report to be transmitted through the Executive Secretary to the resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council for consideration at the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

Other resolutions adopted by ECLAC at its twenty-sixth session

At the same meeting, the Commission adopted resolutions on the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (resolution 554(XXVI)) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (resolution 555(XXVI)). It also adopted resolutions on the programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 1998-1999 (resolution 559(XXVI)), the calendar of conferences of ECLAC for the period 1996-1998 (resolution 557(XXVI)), the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development (resolution 556(XXVI)), the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (resolution 558(XXVI)), and technical cooperation among developing countries and regions (resolution 560(XXVI)).

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION SINCE THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

Introduction

This report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) covers the two-year period since the last session of the Commission, held in April 1994. The report outlines the activities carried out under the programme of work of the ECLAC system, which includes the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Latin American Demographic Centre (CLADES). Its format consists of three main parts and two annexes.

Part A covers the activities of subsidiary bodies and special committees, namely, the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN), the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, the Presiding Officers of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning and the Inter-Agency Commission on Implementation of the Decisions of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee. The report briefly describes the activities carried out by each entity and the decisions and agreements adopted.

Also included in part A are summaries of the most salient aspects of the third Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean; the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II); the ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean; the tenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning; the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning; and the Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas.

Part B summarizes the activities implemented under the secretariat's programme of work; section 1 covers the activities of substantive programmes, while section 2 describes those of activities in support of the substantive programmes.

The report on substantive programmes basically conforms to the new programming structure introduced in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997; this format facilitates comparison with the programme budget for the 1996-1997 biennium and the draft programme of work for the 1998-1999 biennium, which ECLAC will consider during its twenty-sixth session.

Section 1 of this part of the report opens with a discussion of the multidisciplinary activities carried out jointly by the substantive units of ECLAC. These took the form of the preparation of documents for the meetings of the Commission, emphasizing the secretariat's comprehensive approach to the choices and factors that determine the economic and social development of the countries of the region. Next, the report describes the work published in CEPAL Review and reports on activities carried out under the

14 substantive subprogrammes. It concludes with a summary of the work of ECLAC/UNCTAD Unit on Transnational Corporations.

The information provided on each subprogramme consists of an introductory descriptive summary outlining the general scope and most salient aspects of the work performed, followed by a detailed list of the resulting outputs, divided into four categories: i) documents; ii) meetings, seminars and conferences; iii) technical cooperation; and iv) training and fellowships.

Each of these categories includes a number of subdivisions. The first category is subdivided into ECLAC publications, books published under publishing agreements and articles distributed through outside publications. Meetings, seminars and conferences are subdivided into those organized under the corresponding subprogramme and those sponsored or convened by other institutions, at which the Commission has only a participant. Lastly, technical cooperation activities are broken down by recipient agency and country.

Section 2 of part B summarizes the main support activities carried out by the Programme Planning and Operations Division —which is in charge of technical cooperation— and by the Documents and Publications Division, the Library, the Computer Centre, the Information Services Unit and the Conference Services Unit.

Part C summarizes the Commission's ongoing cooperation, coordination and consultation activities with specialized agencies and other organizations, both intergovernmental and non-governmental, during the period covered by this report.

Annex 1 presents a list of the technical cooperation projects carried out during the biennium, indicating each project's starting date, completion date and sources of extra budgetary financing. Lastly, annex 2 enumerates, in chronological order, the meetings organized by the ECLAC system, including the venue and date of each meeting and the subprogramme under which it was held.

A. ACTIVITIES OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Committee of High-level Government Experts

The nineteenth session of the Committee of High-level Government Experts (CEGAN) was held at Santiago, Chile, from 1 to 4 March 1994.

In preparation for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission, scheduled to be held one month later, in April 1994, CEGAN focused its attention on some of the substantive issues due to be addressed at the session, namely, economic integration, linkages with the global economy and changing production patterns with social equity, the World Summit for Social Development, and the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development.

The secretariat submitted two working documents to the Committee: Open regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Economic integration as a contribution to changing production patterns with social equity (LC/L.808(CEG.19/3)) and Latin America and the Caribbean: policies to improve linkages with the global economy (LC/L.809(CEG.19/4)).

Both documents were well received by the participants and gave rise to an interesting exchange of views. It was felt that the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC would provide a suitable opportunity for more in-depth analysis of those topics.

In relation to the World Conference for Social Development, a document was submitted entitled The Social Summit: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean (Note by the secretariat) (LC/L.810(CEG.19/5)). Delegates requested the secretariat to prepare a text which would serve as the basis for the deliberations scheduled to take place during the technical stage of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.

A working group was formed for the purposes of studying the preliminary draft of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development, prepared by the secretariat in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in consultation with member and associate member States and in accordance with guidelines set out by the Presiding Officers of CEGAN. After extensive deliberation, the working group adopted the draft, to be submitted for consideration to the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.

Fifteenth session of the Caribbean Cooperation and Development Committee

The Caribbean Cooperation and Development Committee (CDCC) held its fifteenth session in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from 26 to 29 July 1994. The technical stage took place on 26 and 27 July 1994 and the ministerial stage on 28 and 29 July 1994.

Among the important topics addressed during the session was the issue of economic cooperation and development among member countries of the CDCC, particularly in relation to new regional cooperation arrangements. The Committee also reviewed the ECLAC/CDCC programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993 and the programmes for the bienniums 1994-1995 and 1996-1997. Other items on the agenda were updates on preparations for United Nations conferences, review of the situation in Haiti

and reports by the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology and the Working Group of Non-Independent Caribbean Countries.

The Committee adopted four resolutions at its fifteenth session. In resolution 41(XV) it reaffirmed its strong commitment to promote multilingualism in the Caribbean (Res.28(XII)) and endorsed the ECLAC/CDCC project as elaborated in the document entitled "Removal of language barriers in the Caribbean". In resolution 42(XV) the Committee requested the CDCC secretariat, in collaboration with the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), to make an evaluation of the work of CCST during the last 10 years and make a revision of its mission, objectives, functions and structure. In resolution 43(XV) the Committee endorsed the need for continued humanitarian support by the international community for Haiti and requested the secretariat to facilitate the implementation of this resolution. Finally, in resolution 44(XV) the Committee noted with satisfaction the inclusion of provisions recognizing the observer status of CDCC associate members and requested the support of CDCC member States at the General Assembly and ECOSOC levels for provisions enabling associate members to participate in an observer capacity at United Nations world conferences.

A full report of the meeting and the resolutions adopted appear in the report of the fifteenth session of the CDCC (LC/CAR/G.433 of 30 November 1994). The meeting discussed the activities of the CDCC during the past year and approved the programme of work for the 1995-1998 biennium.

Sixteenth session of the Caribbean Cooperation and Development Committee

The sixteenth session of CDCC was scheduled to be held from 5 to 8 February 1996 in St. John's, Antigua. In addition to the statutory review of the implementation of the work programme of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean located in Port of Spain, the agenda included a review of the activities at the Caribbean level in relation to the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women, the World Summit for Social Development and the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. A report was prepared on the preparatory activities carried out by the subregional headquarters, and recommendations were solicited from member states on future follow-up activities.

At its sixteenth session, the Committee was also to focus on the issues of economic cooperation and development, particularly the participation of Caribbean countries in such free trade schemes as the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Free Trade Area of the Americas, and the significance of the World Trade Organization, GATT and other measures designed to promote trade liberalization.

Member States were asked to look at the question of Caribbean integration as a means of promoting development and in particular at the issue of how to reconcile subregional efforts with those on a wider level.

Issues affecting the small island developing states and the potential participation of Anguilla and the Turks and Caicos Islands in the future activities of CDCC, were also due to receive attention at the sixteenth session.

Third Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Third Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector in Latin America and the Caribbean was held at Quito, Ecuador, from 16 to 18 November 1994. The meeting was divided into a technical stage, on 16 November, and a ministerial stage, on 17 and 18 November (see document LC/R.1470).

The work of the technical stage was allocated to three simultaneous working groups which studied the work carried out since the previous ministerial meeting in the following areas: human settlements management (Group One); finance, technology and standardization (Group Two); and preparatory activities for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (Group Three).

Participants in the ministerial stage heard reports on the conclusions reached by the working groups in the technical stage, on the preparatory activities for the World Summit for Social Development and on the plans and programmes of various intergovernmental, multilateral, governmental, labour and other organizations. The Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements gave a presentation on the objectives of Habitat II and the preparatory activities for the conference.

At the end of the meeting the Quito Declaration was adopted. The Declaration reaffirmed the political will to support Habitat II and to promote its preparatory process, pursuing a common position for the region; requested that subject areas on cities, human settlements, housing and basic and social infrastructure be included in the working programme and conclusions of the Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State; and created an open Coordinating Committee of Ministers and High-level Authorities formed by Colombia, Chile and Ecuador, in order to establish a permanent framework on the priority areas of the sector and to guide the work of the Technical Secretariat.

Eighteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The eighteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference was held at Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles, on 30 June and 1 July 1994 (see document LC/L.863(MDM.18/2)).

The meeting examined the documentation and agenda for the sixth session of the Regional Conference and was told of the national reports received to date by the secretariat for editing and incorporation into the report to be presented at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Nineteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The nineteenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference was held at Mar del Plata, Argentina, on 24 September 1994 (see document LC/L.876(MDM.19/1)).

The Presiding Officers reviewed the agenda and documentation for the sixth session of the Regional Conference and recommended that a resolution on their functions, especially with regard to follow-up

activities for the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, should be considered by the Conference.

Sixth session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The sixth session of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean was held at Mar del Plata from 25 to 29 September 1994. It was convened by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC pursuant to ECLAC resolution 537(XXV). The aims of the Conference were to assess the situation of women in the region since the fifth session of the Regional Conference (Curaçao, 1991), to serve as the regional meeting preparatory to the Fourth World Conference on Women at Beijing in September 1995 and to adopt the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001 (see document LC/G.1850(CRM.6/7)). The Conference therefore analysed the situation of women during the 1990s, on the basis of documentation prepared by the secretariat and of national reports submitted by the majority of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. An open-ended working group produced the definitive version of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001.

The Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, which was adopted by the countries members of ECLAC, focuses on eight priority areas: i) gender equity; ii) economic and social development with a gender perspective: women's equitable share in the decisions, responsibilities and benefits of development; iii) elimination of poverty; iv) women's equitable participation in decision-making and in the exercise of power in public and private life; v) human rights, peace and violence; vi) shared family responsibilities; vii) recognition of cultural plurality in the region; and viii) international support and cooperation.

The Regional Programme of Action is a minimum set of measures on which consensus has been reached. It is conceived in systemic terms: that is to say, the strategies are assumed to complement one another and should be implemented in a coordinated fashion if they are to yield the desired results. The objective of the Programme is to contribute to improvement of the situation of all women in the region, irrespective of age. It recognizes the differences which exist between women and pays special attention to those living in rural areas, to minorities and to those who are particularly disadvantaged, such as migrants and other uprooted women.

The Presiding Officers elected by the Conference were representatives of Argentina (Chairperson), Netherlands Antilles, Barbados, Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Honduras and Uruguay (Vice-Chairpersons) and Mexico (Rapporteur).

Twentieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The twentieth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference was held at Santiago, Chile, from 16 to 18 November 1994. It was open to all States members of ECLAC (see document LC/L.872(MDM.20/3)). Representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and of international organizations such as the Non-Governmental Forum on Women-Beijing '95 also attended.

Twenty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean

The twenty-first meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference was held at Santiago, Chile, on 3 and 4 July 1995. Since it was to be the last meeting before the Fourth World Conference on Women, all States members and associate members of ECLAC were invited, in order to facilitate an exchange of information (see document LC/L.904(MDM.21/3)).

The Presiding Officers analysed the draft Platform for Action in the light of the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001, reviewed the regional and national preparations, and reached agreements designed to assist the countries of the region to participate in the world conference.

Central American Economic Cooperation Committee

An extraordinary meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee (CCE) was held at ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico on 10 March 1995. The purpose of the meeting was to exchange opinions and consider the future of Central American integration, in the context of adjustment processes, the commitments made at the Summit of the Americas, and the many sets of negotiation currently in progress. The finance ministers of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua took part, while ECLAC acted as Technical Secretariat. This was the first formal session of this consultative and deliberative forum after a long recess.

At the end of the meeting, the ministers agreed to request ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico, as Technical Secretariat of the Committee, to expand and intensify its activities, within the general framework of its regular programme of work, in the following areas: a) analysis of effective protection, in the light of the new objectives for economic integration; b) formulation of proposals for Central American integration in the framework of open regionalism; and c) stimulation and management of productive investment in Central America. They also requested that an ordinary meeting of the Committee should be convened as soon as possible.

Eleventh ordinary meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee

Pursuant to the mandate received from the extraordinary meeting of the Committee, held at Mexico City in March 1995, ECLAC convened the eleventh ordinary meeting of the Central American Economic Cooperation Committee. This was held at Antigua, Guatemala, on 28 and 29 September 1995, and was attended by authorities and government officials from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Panama. The Secretary-General and officials of the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), the Secretary-General of the Central American Monetary Council and the Deputy Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Guatemala also attended. ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico described the activities carried out in accordance with the request made at the extraordinary meeting and the results in the following areas were analysed: a) integration in Central America, b) open regionalism and effective protection and c) financing investment and growth.

The Ministers agreed to maintain the continuity of the forum and requested ECLAC to continue with the work it was doing in the areas mentioned, together with measures relating to the full incorporation of Panama into the process of Central American integration. Thus it was decided to concentrate on studies of effective protection which would be based on tariff change simulations, to continue monitoring the formal and effective process of integration, to provide governments with up-to-date information on the terms of reference for assessment of institutional structure, and to broaden cooperation and coordination of activities with SIECA.

Lastly, ECLAC was instructed to convene an ordinary meeting of the Committee during 1996, preferably to coincide with the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC.

Ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean

The ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean was held in Mexico City from 20 to 22 July 1994. It was organized jointly by the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico, and was attended by representatives of 24 countries and special guests. Presiding at the opening ceremony was the President of Mexico, Mr. Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

At the end of the Conference, which was devoted to analysis of State reform and modernization, the participants agreed by consensus to promote activities related to the process of State reform and modernization in the region (see "State reform and modernization" (LC/IP/R.144)).

Tenth meeting of the ILPES Regional Council for Planning

The tenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning was held in Mexico City on 21 and 22 July 1994. It approved the report of activities in 1992-1993, the outline of the work programme for 1994-1998 and the report on the financial situation (1993-1995) and reiterated its support for the regular system of government contributions.

The Council requested ILPES, inter alia, to promote the exchange of experiences on the processes of State modernization, particularly as regards privatization; support systems for presidential management; management of integration processes; the use of communications and computer technology in the strategic management of the State; mechanisms for the integration of planning and budget; and the relations between strategic management, structural reforms and public policies. The Council also recommended increasing the capacity of ILPES to cooperate with Governments on the development of a regional position on economic and social transformations and their link with the processes of State reform and modernization; strengthening links with Governments, universities and academic centres; supporting post-graduate studies in areas related to the new profile of activities; and promoting research and the exchange of information on institutional reforms in economic as well as social and political areas. The Council requested ILPES to submit the financing requirements for the execution of these activities to the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers.

In its resolution CRP/X/03, the Council expressed its satisfaction at the admission of Spain to the Regional Council for Planning and decided to add another Presiding Officer, so that countries outside the region might also be represented; the office would be held by Spain until the next elections. The Council

also accepted the offer of Venezuela to host the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, to be held during the second half of 1995.

Seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning

The seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning was held at Caracas, Venezuela, on 28 and 29 August 1995. The central theme of the meeting was "The public decision-making process: assessing impact and attaining consensus" (document LC/IP/R.158). The report of the Institute's activities during 1994 and the proposed work programme for 1996 (document LC/IP/R.157) were also considered. The financial situation of ILPES during 1994-1996 was analysed. The meeting adopted several resolutions on these matters and one resolution supporting resumption of the publication of the Boletín del Instituto. Publication resumed at the end of September 1995 (document LC/IP/G.92).

Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The Latin American and Caribbean Regional Meeting Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) was held at ECLAC headquarters from 13 to 17 November 1995 in order to analyse the trends in human settlements in the region in the past few decades and to adopt a common position before the Conference to be held at Istanbul in June 1996. The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Housing and Urban Development of Chile. Delegations from 30 States members of ECLAC, headed by ministers, deputy ministers and authorities responsible for housing and urban development, attended the technical stage, which was held during the first two days, and the ministerial stage, which brought the meeting to a close. An associate member State, United Nations organizations, international and non-governmental organizations and special guests also participated.

During the technical stage, on the basis of the document entitled "Human settlements: the shelter of development", prepared by ECLAC, proposals were made which were then consolidated during the ministerial stage into the Regional Plan of Action on Human Settlements. In recognition of the need to give political priority to human settlements, the plan puts forward a series of measures prioritizing the achievement of equity and the fight against poverty in settlements. Great importance is also attached to improving productivity, protecting the environment in human settlements, ensuring the governability of cities and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of instruments of urban and housing management.

In the framework of the regional meeting preparatory to Habitat II, the fourth Regional Meeting of Ministers and High-level Authorities of the Housing and Urban Development Sector of Latin America and the Caribbean was held on 16 and 17 November. The meeting was opened by the Ecuadorian Minister of Urban Development and Housing in his capacity as Interim Secretary of the Meeting. Note was taken of the progress made to date in tasks which at previous meetings had been assigned to technical teams in various countries in areas such as sectoral statistics, institutional structure, financing of housing and urban services, land management, and housing technology and production. In view of the growing importance of certain topics relating to human settlements, it was agreed to initiate new activities connected with, inter alia, housing subsidies, decentralization, urban poverty and monitoring of housing policies. The ministers and high-level authorities agreed to hold their fifth Regional Meeting in November 1996 in Kingston, Jamaica.

Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters

The first Joint OAS/ECLAC Meeting on Statistical Matters was held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, from 11 to 14 October 1994 (see document LC/G.1848(SEM.80/10)). ECLAC acted as Technical Secretariat for the meeting.

The aim of the meeting was to coordinate cooperation activities in the area of statistics which the two organizations had been carrying out in countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. With this aim in view, the secretariats of OAS and ECLAC signed an agreement to co-sponsor a joint meeting of high-ranking statisticians, to take place every two years at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile.

ECLAC acted as Technical Secretariat for the meeting, which was attended by representatives of the following countries: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, the United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Also attending as guests were representatives of the Latin American Integration Association (LAIA), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), World Bank, Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA), Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES), Statistical Office of the European Union (EUROSTAT), Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Inter-American Statistical Institute (IASI), International Monetary Fund (IMF), Board of the Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC), International Labour Office (ILO), United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Statistical Division (UNSTAT).

The meeting addressed the following issues: adaptation and production of basic statistics for the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993); environmental statistics and indicators; measuring the informal economy; social and poverty indicators; institutional policies in the area of statistics; dissemination of statistical information; and regional statistical cooperation.

In order to facilitate discussion, ECLAC prepared the following documents: Statistical cooperation activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean during 1993 and 1994 (LC/R.1430(SEM.80/2)); Single European standard statistical classification of environmental protection activities (LC/R.1431(SEM.80/3)); and Activities of international organizations in the field of environmental statistics, indicators and accounting (LC/R.1432(SEM.80/4)). In addition, the following documents were presented on subprogrammes under the Programme of International Statistical Work for Latin America and the Caribbean 1995-1996: Adaption and production of basic statistics in the framework of a regional strategy for the implementation of the System of National Accounts 1993 (SNA 1993) (LC/R.1440(SEM.80/5)); Activities in the field of environment statistics and indicators (LC/R.1446(SEM.80/6)); Social and poverty statistics and indicators (LC/R.1443(SEM.80/7)); Dissemination of statistical information (LC/R.1448(SEM.80/8)); and Temas relacionados con el mejoramiento y ampliación de la producción de estadísticas básicas y de precios para la implementación del SCN 1993 (LC/R.1452(SEM.80/9)). A total of 43 reference documents were also presented by representatives of the participating countries.

After intense debate of the above-mentioned topics, a number of directors of national bureaus of statistics in countries of the region and representatives of international organizations undertook to carry out specific activities relating to the areas examined. These activities were to be carried out during the 1994-1996 biennium, and most would be followed up by the ECLAC Statistics and Economic Projections Division.

In regard to regional cooperation in the field of statistics, the participants proceeded to select the following priority areas: the informal sector of the economy, poverty, training, the environment, international trade, services and the institutional framework.

B. SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMES AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

1. SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAMMES

MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Multidisciplinary studies are documents prepared jointly by substantive divisions of ECLAC for submission to meetings of the Commission at which special stress is placed on the comprehensive approach taken by the secretariat in examining options and determining factors relevant to economic and social development in the countries of the region.

During the period covered by this report, five such documents were prepared: four for the twenty-fifth session of the Commission (Cartagena, Colombia, 20-27 April 1994), and one for the twenty-sixth session (San José, Costa Rica, 15-20 April 1996). Their titles are:

i) Health, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.1813(SES.25/18)).

ii) Open Regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Economic Integration as a Contribution to Changing Production Patterns with Social Equity (LC/G.1801(SES.25/4)); (LC/G.1801/Rev.1-P, revised version).

iii) Latin America and the Caribbean: Policies to Improve Linkages with the Global Economy (LC/G.1800(SES.25/3)); (LC/G.1800/Rev.1-P, revised version).

iv) The Social Summit: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean. Note by the secretariat (LC/G.1802(SES.25/5)).

v) Strengthening development: the task for the 1990s in Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/G.1898(SES.26/3)).

In the first of these documents, the ECLAC secretariat, jointly with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), deals with the subject of health in Latin America and the Caribbean, in the framework of the proposal on changing production patterns with social equity. The main purpose of the document is to examine the virtuous circle that exists between health, economic change and improvement of systemic competitiveness. This approach is based on the fact that health is an area where it is possible to progress relatively quickly towards the achievement of equity and the elimination of poverty. It is also pointed out that good health enhances the contribution of education, training and organization of work, thereby promoting productivity and international competitiveness. The document also examines the energizing effect of the health sector as an economic activity.

ECLAC and PAHO reaffirm the urgency of providing universal coverage of basic health needs. To achieve this, they suggest a gradually expanding basic basket of health services, administered by a decentralized system in which the State would have an important regulatory and even a financial role, particularly as regards care for the poor. Thus the study presents a series of proposals on the ideal

institutional framework to achieve this goal and highlights the need to incorporate health into the agenda of economic reforms. Other areas discussed include the composition of the basic basket of services and alternative means of financing and delivering services. One of the central tenets of this study is that a measure of protection against the risks of ill-health and death is a feature of citizenship of a modern State.

In the second document, the ECLAC secretariat suggests that the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean should adopt what it calls "open regionalism" in order to promote intraregional economic integration, which will assist in changing production patterns with social equity. Within this framework, it offers guidelines on ensuring the continuity and consistency of any formal integration agreements that may be signed.

All the region's Governments have made strenuous efforts in recent years to improve their linkages with the international economy in response to growing economic globalization. Public action in this regard has focused on promoting the international competitiveness of the goods and services that each country has to offer, and measures adopted have included trade liberalization and deregulation; at the same time, preferential trade agreements have proliferated.

Although at times formal integration agreements may run counter to policies that aim at gradually increasing levels of international competitiveness, it is desirable, and indeed feasible, for these to complement each other. To that end, the secretariat suggests that the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean should practice "open regionalism". This would entail various joint actions, including promotion of an intra-Latin American —or, possibly, intra-hemispheric— system of preferences compatible with policies geared towards enhancing international competitiveness.

Such a strategy would allow the countries of the region to strengthen their mutual economic ties and at the same time improve their linkage with the world economy by expanding their range of options, since it places integration at the service of international competitiveness. At the same time, it would provide the least unfavourable position from which to deal with any deterioration in the international economic situation.

Whether this will happen will depend essentially on the characteristics of the agreements reached. Thus, the debate the document seeks to stimulate focuses not only on the means of promoting integration, but also on the requirements that the most appropriate agreements should meet. The basic aims are to provide support to agreements already made so that they will yield tangible results; to identify the drawbacks and inconsistencies that might arise from a plethora of agreements and deal with them in timely fashion; and, in particular, to suggest guidelines to ensure the continuity and consistency of such agreements in order to maximize their potential contribution to changing production patterns with social equity.

The third document analyses current linkages between Latin America and the Caribbean and the world economy and outlines policies to improve them in the future.

The first aspect dealt with concerns the elements required for defining and implementing integrated trade reform. This would include new export-promotion policies, prospecting and development of natural, mining and agricultural resources, efficient import substitution, and the introduction of para-tariff measures and procedures to counteract unfair competition.

The document then describes the bases for a productive development policy which will overcome the productivity gap characteristic of the region's economies and outlines some of the options open to Latin American and Caribbean countries in the 1990s.

Finally, macroeconomic stability and international financial flows are considered, based on an analysis of the resurgence of capital movements, their new features and their macroeconomic effects. Aspects of the regulation, supervision and stability of financial institutions and capital markets are reviewed, and, lastly, the ways in which policy measures affect the inflow of external financial resources are examined.

As regards the fourth document, by resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, the United Nations General Assembly decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development at the level of Heads of State or Government, to be held early in 1995. The resolution enumerates the objectives of the Summit and specifies that the core issues to be addressed are "(a) the enhancement of social integration, particularly of the more disadvantaged and marginalized groups; (b) alleviation and reduction of poverty; (c) expansion of productive employment".

The resolution also lays down the procedures to be followed in preparing for the Summit, including the establishment of a Preparatory Committee, and the regional commissions are requested "to include in their programme of work for 1993 the World Summit for Social Development, with particular emphasis on the social situation in their respective regions, including proposals, and to prepare an integrated report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session".

In compliance with that mandate, the ECLAC secretariat, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), prepared a note entitled "The Social Summit: a view from Latin America and the Caribbean". Its purpose was to offer guidelines for the member countries' preparatory activities for the Summit, bearing in mind particularly the region's hopes with regard to the Summit and its outcome.

The note includes an analysis of the global and regional socioeconomic context, a proposal on the conceptual framework in which, in the secretariat's view, the core issues of the Summit should be considered, a detailed examination of each of those issues and, lastly, some reflections on international cooperation in the area of social development.

In the fifth document, the ECLAC secretariat presents a balanced assessment of the process of transforming the region's economies, pointing out the main achievements and the most glaring deficiencies, and suggests guidelines for correcting the errors and consolidating the progress already made.

The document first reviews the processes of structural reform and the changes that have taken place in the public policy sphere. It then analyses the performance of the economies, particularly in terms of stability and growth, saving and investment, changes in production patterns and international competitiveness.

The document goes on to consider the main obstacles and opportunities involved in reconciling macroeconomic stability with decreased vulnerability in the allocation of resources and the requirements for promoting rapid and sustained development processes.

Lastly, it examines public policy alternatives for strengthening development from an integrated standpoint, with special emphasis on macroeconomic policies to achieve stability and growth, policies to promote saving and financial development, and policies to strengthen competitiveness and productive development.

CEPAL REVIEW

Seven issues of the CEPAL Review were published, with a total of 82 articles.

The articles, of which the great majority were related to the main themes of the ECLAC proposal for changing production patterns with social equity, may be classified into five general groups.

First, there are articles dealing with policies of productive development, including the incorporation of technical progress and its systemic conditions. These articles analyse the concept of competitiveness, policies for productivity and competitiveness in agriculture and various industries, and the importance of technological change in structuralist analysis. Business strategies of local and transnational agents in certain countries and economic sectors are examined, as well as the characteristics of certain specific markets, such as the health care and labour markets. The regional situation with regard to the environment and energy is also analysed, with reference to water management and public water utilities.

Second, there are articles devoted to macroeconomic themes related to changing production patterns. These include analysis of the link between liberalization and financial development, the modernization of supervision of the banking system, financial repression and the Latin American finance pattern, and external capital inflows and their impact on macroeconomic policies. Trends in inflation in various countries and the interaction between stability and structure in economic growth are also analysed.

Third, there are articles on social development as part of an integrated approach. Of particular note are those dealing with fiscal adjustment and its effects on social expenditure, income distribution and poverty, and analysis of the orientation of education expenditure and the pension system reform in Latin America. Changes in the urban female labour market and the achievements and obstacles in women's formal education are also examined; and, lastly, there are studies of the relationship between the informal sector and poverty, and the situation of migrants and rural youth.

The fourth group of articles comprises those devoted to international economic linkages and, in particular, open regionalism. These include reflections on the attitude of Latin America and the Caribbean towards the world economy and on Latin American and Caribbean trade policy, especially the political economy of protection after the Uruguay Round and the impact of exchange-rate and trade policy on export performance. There are also analyses of open regionalism and economic integration, the costs and benefits of Central American integration and the new implications of rules of origin. Economic relations between Latin America and various international markets are explored, with particular reference to Asia and Europe. Finally, inbond assembly (maquila) in the Caribbean and movements of capital and external financing are studied.

The fifth group of articles deals with the political context of development and the model of State intervention. In particular, the relationship between democracy and development is analysed, new directions are suggested for public management, and some lessons are drawn from privatizations. The processes of regionalization and decentralization and cultural perspectives on the ECLAC proposals are also considered.

Other studies attempt to summarize different aspects of the ECLAC proposal and to distinguish it from neoliberalism. The role of the United Nations in post-conflict peace-building is also examined.

The titles of the articles contained in the seven issues of the CEPAL Review published during the biennium are as follows:

CEPAL Review, No. 51 (LC/G.1792-P)

- Inauguration of the "Fernando Fajnzylber" Conference Room and presentation of CEPAL Review No. 50
- Flying geese or sitting ducks? Transnationals and industry in developing countries
- Industrial policy: where do we stand?
- The challenge of industrial competitiveness
- Rural society: its integration and desintegration
- Indigenous peoples and modernity
- Women: productivity and labour in the United States
- Capital flows and their effect on the monetary base
- Old and new trade policies
- Integration and trade diversion
- European integration and Latin American trade
- Natural resources: the current debate

CEPAL Review, No. 52 (LC/G.1824-P)

- Income distribution and poverty through crisis and adjustment
- New directions for public management
- The petrochemical and machine tool industries: business strategies
- Productivity, growth and industrial exports in Brazil
- Export processing in the Caribbean: the Jamaican experience
- Price elasticity of Central American agricultural exports
- Ecuador: the country's progress from chronic to moderate inflation
- New strategies of transnational corporations in Argentina
- The informal sector and poverty in Latin America
- Regionalization processes: past crises and current options
- A cultural view of the ECLAC proposals
- ECLAC and neoliberalism: An interview with Fernando Fajnzylber

CEPAL Review, No. 53 (LC/G.1832-P)

- Latin America and the Caribbean and the world economy
- Foreign capital inflows and macroeconomic policies
- Financial repression and the Latin American finance pattern
- Policies for competitiveness
- Industrial policy and promotion of competitiveness
- Open regionalism and economic integration
- Changes in the urban female labour market
- Water management and river basins in Latin America
- Public policies and the competitiveness of agricultural exports

- Agroindustry and changing production patterns in small-scale agriculture
- National private groups in Mexico, 1987-1993
- China's economic reform and opening to the world: a retrospective and prospective view

CEPAL Review, No. 54 (LC/G.1845-P)

- Health care markets: their morphology, behaviour and regulation
- Liberalization or financial development?
- Fiscal adjustment and social spending
- Women's formal education: achievements and obstacles
- Labour market flexibility: what does it really mean?
- The modernization of bank supervision
- Central American integration: its costs and benefits
- Some lessons of the Argentine privatization process
- Extraordinary comparative advantage and long-run growth: the case of Ecuador
- The cultural industry and new codes of modernity

CEPAL Review, No. 55 (LC/G.1858-P)

- A summary of the ECLAC proposal
- Post-conflict peace-building: a challenge for the United Nations
- Decentralization and democracy: the new Latin American municipality
- The political economy of protection after the Uruguay Round
- Trade policy and international linkages: a Latin American perspective
- Capital movements and external financing
- The impact of exchange-rate and trade policy on export performance in the 1980s
- The present state and future prospects of the environment in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Youth expectations and rural development
- Transnational corporations and structural changes in industry in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Mexico
- El Salvador: industrial policy, business attitudes and future prospects
- Technological change and structuralist analysis

CEPAL Review, No. 56 (LC/G.1874-P)

- Democracy and development
- Can growth and equity go hand in hand?
- Stability and structure: interactions in economic growth
- Pension system reform in Latin America
- Recent economic trends in China and their implications for trade with Latin America and the Caribbean
- Economic relations between Latin America and the high-performing Asian developing economies
- Economic relations between Latin America and the European Union
- Rules of origin: new implications
- Globalization and restructuring the energy sector in Latin America
- The kaleidoscope of competitiveness
- The privatization of public water utilities

- How much can we spend on education?
- Women and migrants: inequalities in the labour market of Santiago, Chile

CEPAL Review, No. 57 (LC/G.1891-P)

- The United Nations and ECLAC at the half-century mark of the Organization
- The creation of the United Nations and ECLAC
- Human rights and children
- Governance, competitiveness and social integration
- Port privatization, labour reform and social equity
- New trends in wage policies
- Central America: macroeconomic performance and social financing
- Panama and Central American economic integration
- The dual currency bifurcation of Cuba's economy in the 1990s
- Transnationalization and integration of production in Latin America
- Index of authors and subjects of articles published in numbers 1 to 57 of CEPAL Review

SUBPROGRAMME 1: FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The activities of the Agricultural Development Unit fell largely within the scope of two projects: HOL/92/S12, "Formulation of policies for the transformation of agricultural production in Latin America and the Caribbean", co-financed by the Government of the Netherlands; and FRG/94/S05, "Promotion of the economic and social integration of small and medium-scale farmers into agroindustry", co-financed by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Work on the first project entailed: i) preparing thematic studies on the transformation of agricultural production and the capacity for economic and social integration of agroindustry (in the wider sense of agribusiness); ii) analysing country studies, the various studies commissioned as part of the project, and additional relevant literature; iii) on that basis drawing broad conclusions and drafting policy guideline, which were later submitted for discussion at several seminars. These conclusions and policy guidelines were then revised to reflect the outcome of the discussions and combined with the case studies and thematic studies in the document, "Las relaciones agroindustriales y la transformación de la agricultura" (LC/L.919), published in 1995.

The experiences and conclusions of the first project, together with an extensive literature, formed the basis of project FRG/94/S05. Activities under this project entailed: i) elaborating a theoretical-conceptual framework for the contracting (formal or otherwise) of producers by agribusiness; ii) analysing country studies commissioned for the project; iii) holding six national seminars; iv) summarizing the main conclusions and policy guidelines for inclusion in documents dealing with individual countries; v) conducting missions to present and discuss these documents in the countries concerned.

At the same time, analysis of agricultural situations and policies outside the region continued. Areas examined in 1994 were South-East Asia (Agriculture in South-East Asia (LC/R.1514)), the European Union and the United States (internal documents).

Another area of effort was the compilation and analysis of the most up-to-date information available on public and private biotechnology research. A preliminary document on this subject was presented at the end of 1994 at a meeting convened by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Caracas. The salient points of the study, together with the results of a survey of national systems of technological innovation in agriculture (Sistemas de innovación agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1605)), were published and also incorporated into the relevant chapter of the document to be presented at the twenty-sixth session of ECLAC in 1996. The same theme in relation to the forestry sector was addressed in another published document (La innovación tecnológica en el sector forestal (LC/R.1602)). A further study prepared for incorporation into the session document was "Senderos tecnológicos y apertura de los mercados agrícolas en América Latina y el Caribe" (LC/R.1601).

Lastly, analysis of land and labour markets and the compilation of theoretical literature and recent statistics resulted in an article on youth, rural development and migration published in CEPAL Review No. 55 an update based on the latest census data (¿Desarrollo rural sin jóvenes? (LC/R.1599)), a document on land markets (After land reform, the market? (LC/R.1600)), and another on agricultural employment, to be published in 1996.

i) Documents

Mercados agrícolas y entorno económico mundial (LC/R.1397(SEM.79/2)).

Las relaciones contractuales y la transformación productiva de la agricultura en Guatemala (LC/R.1398(SEM.79/3)).

Agroindustria y transformación productiva de la pequeña agricultura: el caso de República Dominicana (LC/R.1408).

La articulación de la agroindustria de Paraguay con los productores primarios y los mercados (LC/R.1409).

Las relaciones agroindustriales y la transformación productiva: el caso de Nicaragua (LC/R.1410).

Las relaciones en América Latina y el Caribe entre las empresas agroindustriales y agroexportadoras con los pequeños y medianos agricultores (LC/R.1411).

Las cadenas agroindustriales de plantas medicinales y aromáticas, de condimentos y otros: importancia actual y posibilidades de desarrollo (LC/R.1412).

Agroindustria: articulação com os mercados e capacidade de integração socio-econômica da produção familiar (LC/R.1414).

América Latina: cuantificación de nuevas categorías agroindustriales (LC/R.1417).

Agriculture in Southeast Asia (LC/R.1514).

¿Desarrollo rural sin jóvenes? (LC/R.1599).

After land reform, the market? (LC/R.1600).

Senderos tecnológicos y apertura de los mercados agrícolas en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1601).

La innovación tecnológica en el sector forestal (LC/R.1602).

Análisis de la competitividad de los productos agrícolas y agroindustriales en Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, El Salvador y Guyana (LC/R.1603).

Sistemas de innovación agrícola en América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1605).

Las relaciones agroindustriales y la transformación de la agricultura (LC/L.919).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, organized as part of project HOL/92/S12, "Formulation of policies for the transformation of agricultural production in Latin America and the Caribbean", with the support of the Government of Guatemala and FAO and the participation of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Guatemala City, 28-29 June 1994).

Regional seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, organized as part of project HOL/92/S12, with the participation of FAO and IICA (Santiago, Chile, 3-5 August 1994).

Seminar on agroindustry and its capacity for economic and social integration, organized as part of project HOL/92/S12 and sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development, the National University and the National Production Council of Costa Rica (San José, Costa Rica, 30 August-1 September 1994).

Seminar on agroindustry and competitiveness, co-sponsored by IICA, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Dominican Board of Agricultural Enterprise (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 16 November 1994).

National seminar on economic and social promotion and integration of small and medium-scale farmers into agroindustry (Quito, Ecuador, 7-8 September 1995; Lima, Peru, 28-29 September 1995; Bogotá, Colombia, 3-4 October 1995; Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 13-14 November 1995; San Salvador, El Salvador, 16-17 November 1995; Guayaquil, Ecuador, 20 November 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar-workshop on trade integration, small-scale agriculture and foreign trade organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (Santiago, Chile, 9-12 May 1994).

Regional conference on trade blocs: cooperative linkages, sponsored by the International Cooperative Alliance (Quito, Ecuador, 24-27 August 1994).

Regional seminar on protection of intellectual property and licensing agreements in the field of biotechnology in Latin America and the Caribbean, sponsored by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in collaboration with the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (Caracas, Venezuela, 5-7 December 1994).

Seminar on the current situation in agriculture: diagnosis and perspectives, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (CEP) (Santiago, Chile, 3-4 January 1995).

Meeting of experts on rural poverty, organized by the Chilean Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (MIDEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 19 July 1995).

Exhibit on alternatives for integrating small-scale farmers into agribusiness —part of an international workshop on exchanging experiences in management and marketing in small-scale

agribusiness— organized by the National Institute for Agricultural Development, the Agrarian Research Group, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Rural Agroindustry Development Programme (PRODAR), and the Rural Development Regional Training Programme (IFAD/UNDP/EU) (Santiago, Chile, 24-28 July 1995).

Panel discussion on options and perspectives for small-scale family farming under the Country Project, organized by the Chamber of Deputies of Chile and the National Institute for Agricultural Development (Santiago, Chile, 27 November 1995).

Workshop on implementing the Uruguay Round in Latin America in relation to agriculture sponsored by FAO and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 28-30 November 1995).

Seminar on rural youth in the Southern Cone: perspectives and opportunities, organized by the Rural Youth Network (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 December 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The activities of this subprogramme include both the economic development studies conducted by the Division itself and the work related to information and documentation for economic and social development carried out by the Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES).

Economic Development Division

In 1994, the economies of Latin America and the Caribbean displayed greater dynamism; they recorded their highest rate of growth since 1980, while the average rate of inflation fell to its lowest point in several decades. The region continued to receive large inflows of capital, though several countries experienced marked reductions in such flows.

Among its programme activities the Economic Development Division is responsible, inter alia, for monitoring economic trends in Latin America and the Caribbean and for communicating its findings in the annual publications, Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic panorama of Latin America and Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean. These publications are highly regarded by authorities inside and outside the region, by international organizations and by public, private and academic news media, for the thoroughness and comparability of the data they present; all three publications are greatly in demand.

In other subject areas under its responsibility, the Economic Development Division continued to study: i) the distributive aspects of economic development, with special emphasis on analysing the effects of adjustment processes on income distribution; and ii) government policies aimed at changing production patterns and promoting sustainable development and social equity, with an emphasis on assessing their effectiveness in these different spheres.

At the same time, operational activities continued in the area of fiscal policy and decentralization. In this area, the Division continued to perform the tasks entrusted to it under the project, "Basic guidelines for joint UNICEF/ECLAC action over the medium term", in coordination with four other divisions of the Commission. Lastly, in 1995 the Division began a new project, which is already in the operational phase, on privatization processes in Bolivia and Nicaragua.

i) Documents

Economic survey of Puerto Rico, 1993 (LC/G.1816; LC/WAS/L.24/Rev.1).

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1993, volume I (LC/G.1833-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.II.G.2.

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1993, volume II (LC/G.1833/Add.1-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.II.G.2.

Economic panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994 (LC/G.1837).

Preliminary overview of the economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994 (LC/G.1846).

El gasto social en América Latina: un examen cuantitativo y cualitativo, Cuadernos de la CEPAL series, No. 73 (LC/G.1854-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.9.

Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994-1995 (LC/G.1873-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.2.

Economic panorama of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995 (LC/G.1884-P).

Preliminary Overview of the Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995 (LC/G.1892-P).

Brasil: a reforma do sistema de saúde, Reformas de política pública series, No. 16 (LC/L.783).

La política social en Costa Rica: panorama de sus reformas recientes, Reformas de política pública series, No. 17 (LC/L.784).

La armonización tributaria en el MERCOSUR, Política fiscal series, No. 37 (LC/L.785).

Tax evasion: causes, estimation methods, and penalties: a focus on Latin America, Política fiscal series, No. 38 (LC/L.786).

La evasión tributaria, Política fiscal series, No. 39 (LC/L.787).

Análisis y evaluación de las reformas tributarias en México: 1978-1992, Política fiscal series, No. 40 (LC/L.788).

Evasión fiscal en México, Política fiscal series, No. 41 (LC/L.789).

Mensuração de economía informal e da evasão fiscal no Brasil, Política fiscal series, No. 42 (LC/L.790).

Evasão fiscal e ausência de risco no Brasil, Política fiscal series, No. 43 (LC/L.791).

Descentralización fiscal: marco conceptual, Política fiscal series, No. 44 (LC/L.793).

Descentralización fiscal en América Latina: el caso argentino, Política fiscal series, No. 45 (LC/L.794).

Descentralización fiscal en Argentina desde una perspectiva local: el caso de la provincia de Mendoza, Política fiscal series, No. 46 (LC/L.795).

Coordinación de la imposición general a los consumos entre Nación y provincias: Argentina, Política fiscal series, No. 47 (LC/L.796).

Fiscal decentralization in selected industrial countries, Política fiscal series, No. 48 (LC/L.797).

Descentralización fiscal: el caso colombiano, Política fiscal series, No. 49 (LC/L.798).

Descentralización fiscal: el caso colombiano. Impacto de la descentralización fiscal en la estabilidad macroeconómica y en la distribución regional de recursos, Política fiscal series, No. 49 (LC/L.798/Add.1).

La evasión en el sistema de seguridad social argentino, Política fiscal series, No. 50 (LC/L.802).

Evasão das contribuições de empregadores e trabalhadores para a seguridade social no Brasil, Política fiscal series, No. 51 (LC/L.803).

Reformas recientes en el sector salud de Costa Rica, Reformas de política pública series, No. 18 (LC/L.813).

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Privatización y desregulación del sector petrolero en Argentina, Reformas de política pública series, No. 24 (LC/L.845).

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"Determinantes del tipo de cambio real de equilibrio en Perú: 1980-1994", Cuadernos de economía, No. 97, Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, Chile, December 1995.

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Sixth regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment (Santiago, Chile, 24-27 January 1994).

Technical seminar on fiscal decentralization and municipal finances in Nicaragua, organized by the ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project, the Association of Nicaraguan Municipalities, the Nicaraguan Institute for Municipal Development and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Managua, Nicaragua, 28-30 June 1994).

International seminar on fiscal decentralization in Latin America: balance, challenges and outlook (Quito, Ecuador, 17-20 October 1994).

Seminar on reform of public policies, organized within the framework of the regional project, "Proposals for policy reforms to increase the effectiveness of the State in Latin America and the Caribbean" (Santiago, Chile, 21-23 November 1994).

Seventh regional seminar on fiscal policy, stabilization and adjustment, organized by the ECLAC/UNDP regional project on fiscal policies (RLA/92/015) (Santiago, Chile, 23-26 January 1995).

Conference on APEC, the Asia-Pacific region and Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 5 May 1995).

National seminar on privatizations in Bolivia and Nicaragua (Managua, Nicaragua, 12-13 June 1995).

International seminar on fiscal decentralization and decentralized management in Latin America: best practices and policy lessons (Cartagena, Colombia, 26-28 October 1995).

Workshop on decentralizing and financing social spending on education and health services (Santiago, Chile, 20-21 November 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Twenty-eighth International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (Atlanta, Georgia, 10-12 March 1994).

Encounter on Poverty and local management: sectoral perspectives, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the SERCAL Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 4 May 1994).

Annual Encounter of Chilean Economists, 1994, organized by the Centre for Applied Economics, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 13 May 1994).

Seminar on economic growth in Latin America: implications for Europe, the United States and Japan, organized jointly by the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA) and Wilton Park (Steyning, United Kingdom, 16-20 May 1994).

Eighth annual SSRC-MacArthur Foundation Fellows' Conference on peace and security in a changing world, in the panel on debates over economic restructuring, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 24-27 May 1994).

Seminar on evaluation of structural adjustment in Latin America, sponsored by the Postgraduate Programme in Development Sciences of the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (La Paz, Bolivia, 13-15 June 1994).

Seminar on assessing linkages between economic liberalization and democratic consolidation in Latin America and Eastern Europe: the role of State reforms, organized by the Social Science Research Council (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 24-26 June 1994).

Conference on Latin America and the Pacific Basin, organized by the Andean Foundation (Mendoza, Argentina, 15 August 1994).

Conference on democratization and liberalization in Latin America and Eastern Europe, organized by the Social Science Research Council (SCRC) (Warsaw, Poland, September 1994).

Seminar on efficiency in social spending, organized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA) (Caracas, Venezuela, 17-18 October 1994).

Talk on competitiveness and productivity in Latin America, given at the University of Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia, 20 October 1994).

Meeting of the Social Science Research Council (Bogotá, Colombia, 20-24 October 1994).

Talk on challenges in the 1990s for Latin America and Asia to the Colombian Committee for Relations with the Pacific Basin, organized by the Social Science Research Council (Bogotá, Colombia, 23 October 1994).

Lecture on the East Asian miracle: a critique of the World Bank study for the Masters Programme in Public Policies, jointly conducted by the University of Chile and the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 2 November 1994).

Lecture at the seminar on a comparative study of structural adjustment in Asia, organized by the Social Science Research Council (Tsukuba, Japan, 25-27 November 1994).

Seminar-workshop on methodologies for studying the impact of shocks and macroeconomic policies on distribution and poverty (Santiago, Chile, January 1995).

Presentation on economic growth and fluctuations in Latin America: the long run, at the conference on development strategy after neoliberal economic restructuring in Latin America, organized by the North-South Center, University of Florida (Miami, Florida, 24-25 March 1995).

Symposium entitled "Common vision, different paths", organized by the Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren Kaikan) (Tokyo, Japan, 23-27 April 1995).

Seminar on recent developments in Cuba: economic and political aspects, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 22 May 1995).

Lecture on inequality and economic development at the second symposium on equality and distribution of income and wealth, organized by the Argentaria Foundation (Madrid, Spain, 5-9 June 1995).

Workshop on stabilization of workers' income and labour flexibility, organized by the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 June 1995).

Seminar on the challenges of the global economic and business environment for labour relations, presentation of the World Development Report 1995 by the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 10 July 1995).

Talk on currency boards vs. currency bands (Santiago, Chile, 20 July 1995).

Meeting of experts on the efficiency and equity of social reforms carried out in the 1990s (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 August 1995).

International seminar entitled "Peru and the Asia-Pacific region: convergence towards development", organized by the University of the Pacific (Lima, Peru, 23-25 August 1995).

International workshop on regulation and deregulation in Chile and Latin America, sponsored by the World Bank and the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 October 1995).

Academic seminar on wage determinants and industrial wage premiums, held by Professor Steiner Strom, organized by the Department of Economics, University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 8 November 1995).

Regional seminar on changes in production patterns and growth in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 21-22 November 1995).

Regional seminar on employment policies and union strategies, panel on structural adjustment, employment, income and living conditions, organized by the Santiago office of ILO (Santiago, Chile, 28 November 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Department of Public Revenues, in the area of taxation and transfer pricing.

With the National Institute of Statistics and Censuses (INDEC), in the planning, implementation and processing of the 1994 National Economic Census and the 1995/1996 National Survey of Household Expenditure and Income.

With the National University at Río Cuarto, Faculty of Economic Sciences, Córdoba Province, in estimating the gross domestic product of San Luis Province and other economic indicators.

Bolivia

With the Ministry for the Presidency and the National Development Council, in the area of capital flows.

Brazil

With the Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), in the following technical tasks:

a) Support for the Executive Office and the Office of Public Policy, in the formulation of the work plan for 1994-1995. Particular emphasis was placed on implementing the strategic framework formulated by ECLAC as a guide for the project entitled "Diagnostic assessments, indicators and scenarios" developed by the IPEA for the Ministry of Planning and the Budget, as a point of reference for past and present Governments.

b) Preparation of technical notes and suggestions on issues currently facing the Brazilian economy, such as the follow-up of technical cooperation and collaboration activities within the framework of agreements signed with the Executive Secretariat of the Ministry of Planning and the Budget, and the Secretariat of Economic Policy of the Ministry of Finance.

With public-sector officials in the state of São Paulo, in the area of fiscal decentralization.

With the Federal Internal Revenue Secretariat, in preparing a project dealing with tax reform and transfer pricing.

Colombia

Advisory services in the form of technical cooperation with government tax authorities of countries of the region in regard to issues of fiscal decentralization (Cartagena, Colombia, 24-29 October 1995).

Cuba

With the Ministry of Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation, in the area of fiscal policy.

With the Ministry of Finance and Pricing, in activities related to stabilization and adjustment programmes, future tax reforms and assessment of the procedures used by the National Office of Tax Administration (ONAT).

Chile

With the Andean Development Corporation, through the Subdepartment of Studies and Programmes, and the State University of Groningen, the Netherlands, in a joint study designed to measure the real productivity of Chilean industry.

With the Central Bank of Chile, in estimating the stock of capital in national environmental accounts.

Ecuador

With the National Development Council (CONADE), in the identification of possible technical cooperation activities under the ECLAC/UNDP Regional Project on Fiscal Policies in the area of taxes on capital and foreign direct investment; also in the coordination of the various ministries as regards the

effects of public expenditure and in the organization of a national technical seminar on the impact of social expenditure in Ecuador.

France

Advisory services in the form of technical assistance to tax administration authorities of countries of the region, with regard to the content and scope of studies prepared on taxation and transfer pricing and on other key areas and issues, with a view to their incorporation in future fiscal projects.

Nicaragua

With the National Public Sector Corporation (CORNAP), on issues of privatization and regulation in Nicaragua.

Panama

With the Ministry of Planning and Economic Policy, Department of Social Planning, within the framework of the UNICEF five-year plan, with the aim of devising a methodology for calculating and assessing social spending by government.

With the Ministry of Finance, in the area of fiscal decentralization.

Paraguay

With the Decentralization Commission of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of the Interior, in determining the technical assistance that ECLAC will provide the Government of Paraguay in the area of fiscal decentralization.

Peru

With the Office of the National Superintendent of Tax Administration, with respect to the contents and scope of studies on taxation and transfer pricing.

Uruguay

With the Government, in the preparation of studies and the formulation of policies for the economic and social development of Uruguay.

Venezuela

With the Venezuelan Association of Executives (AVE), in examining the issue of government economic policy and its impact on the private sector, with special emphasis on comparing the experiences of East Asia, Latin America and the developed nations.

iv) Training and fellowships

Classes given as part of the Macroeconomics I course at the Economics Department of the University of Santiago (Santiago, Chile, April-June 1994).

Graduate classes on macroeconomics given at the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) (Santiago, Chile, April-June 1994).

Classes on fiscal decentralization in Latin America given as part of the workshop on regionalization and decentralization in Latin America organized by the University Development Corporation (CPU) and the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development of the Ministry of the Interior (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 May 1994).

Lecture on the economy of Latin America and the Caribbean in the 1990s given as part of the fourth ECLAC/CELADE Postgraduate Course on Population and Development, under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, June 1994).

Lecture on taxation and transfer pricing given at the twenty-seventh symposium on public finances in Argentina (Córdoba, Argentina, 17-24 September 1994).

Classes on fiscal decentralization given as part of the international course on decentralization, municipal management and local development organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, November 1994).

Classes on fiscal decentralization in Latin America given as part of a course on regionalization and local governments organized by the University of Chile for its masters programme degree in public management and policies (Santiago, Chile, 15-16 June 1995).

Classes on fiscal decentralization given as part of the fifth ECLAC/CELADE Postgraduate Course on Population and Development, under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, 27-30 June 1995).

Classes on fiscal decentralization in Latin America, given in a course entitled "Decentralization in Latin America: characteristics of the process and future challenges", organized by the Centre for Legislative Assistance Studies (CEAL)/Valparaíso Catholic University (Valparaíso, Chile, 12-14 July 1995).

Classes on statistics on Latin American regional trade and the external finances given as part of the course on modeling foreign trade functions organized by the Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES) (Santiago, Chile, 24 July-11 August 1995).

Classes on financial relations between the central Government and territorial entities given as part of the third international course on economic reforms and strategic public management organized by ILPES (Santiago, 3 November-7 December 1995).

Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (CLADES)

The activities of CLADES under subprogramme 2 focused on information and documentation for economic and social development.

The activities undertaken by CLADES during the 1994-1995 biennium, together with the bulk of documents produced, emphasized strengthening information management in the region.

In order to examine new aspects of information management for development and promote an exchange of experiences to enhance awareness among directors of information networks and decision makers of the role of information in the socio-economic context, the third and fourth regional meetings on information management were held (São Paulo, Brazil, 6-10 May 1994; Lima, Peru, 24-28 October 1994).

During the period covered by this report, CLADES continued to publish periodic issues of PLANINDEX (volumes 14, 15 and 16) and Informativo Terminológico (Nos. 35 to 38). In addition, on the occasion of the World Summit for Social Development, a special issue of the INFOPLAN series was published, entitled Políticas sociales: resúmenes de documentos (LC/G.1852-P).

i) Documents

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Modernización del Estado: resúmenes de documentos, INFOPLAN: Temas especiales del desarrollo series, No. 11 (LC/G.1883-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.16.

La información en contextos políticos y decisorios: reflexiones derivadas de una reunión sobre gestión de información, Información y desarrollo series, No. 6 (LC/L.792).

Los sistemas de información y el desafío de los cambios globales, Información y desarrollo series, No. 7 (LC/L.920).

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Informativo terminológico, No. 37 (January/June 1995).

Informativo terminológico, No. 38 (July/December 1995).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Third regional meeting on information management (São Paulo, Brazil, 6-10 June 1994).

Fourth regional meeting on information management (Lima, Peru, 24-28 October 1994).

National meeting on information management (Havana, Cuba, 2-11 March 1995).

National meeting on information management (São Paulo, Brazil, 11-15 September 1995).

National meeting on information management (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 19-22 September 1995).

National meeting on information management (Managua, Nicaragua, 16-20 October 1995).

National meeting on information management (San Salvador, El Salvador, 23-27 October 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar on information for social policies, sponsored by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 3-5 August 1994).

Meeting to evaluate the second year of the "Network of networks" project on information management (CAN/92/S16) (Lima, Peru, 12-14 July 1994).

Meeting to evaluate the "Network of networks" project on information management (CAN/92/S16) (San José, Costa Rica, 21-23 August 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO) and the Education Faculty of the University of Córdoba, in organizing a meeting on information management.

Brazil

With the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Information Center (BIREME), in the holding of the third regional meeting on information management.

With the Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo, in organizing a meeting on information and development for decision makers.

Costa Rica

With the Omar Dengo Foundation, in organizing and holding a seminar on social intelligence.

With the Inter-American Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists (AIBDA), in organizing an encounter on information management.

With the Joint Institute for Social Aid (IMAS), in designing a project to set up a national network of community information centres.

With the Regional Centre for Disaster Documentation, to determine its goals and identify future joint activities.

El Salvador

With the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in organizing a national meeting on information management.

Guatemala

With the Central American Research Institute for Industry (ICAITI), in organizing a national meeting on information management.

Mexico

With the National Library of Planning, in organizing a seminar on information management.

Nicaragua

With the Ministry of Education, in organizing an encounter on information management.

With the Nicaraguan Institute of Public Administration (INAP), in organizing a national meeting on information management.

Peru

With the Graduate School of Business Administration (ESAN), in organizing and holding a meeting on information management for decision makers.

Uruguay

With the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), in organizing a seminar on information for social policies.

SUBPROGRAMME 3: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING

The Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), guided by the instructions of the intergovernmental bodies which direct its work and its regular contacts with planning authorities in the countries of the region, sought to meet all the concerns and priorities of member governments with respect to the central topic of strategic management of the State.

A seminar on state reform and modernization in Latin America was held in Mexico City from 18 to 20 May 1994 in preparation for the ninth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean (Mexico City, 20-22 July 1994) and the tenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning (Mexico City, 21-22 July 1994). The pace of State reform and modernization has increased during the last 10 years under strong internal and external influences, principally the democratization of political systems and the globalization of the economy and international finances. Discussion in the seminar focused on ways in which the process could be made to promote economic development, social equity, political democratization and the consolidation of the rule of law as the foundation of the State. Later, at the seventeenth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning, held in Caracas, Venezuela, from 28 to 29 August 1995, in addition to considering the proposed ILPES programme of work for 1996 and other related matters, participants analysed the public decision-making process.

During the biennium 1994-1995, ILPES also organized several seminars, including the first meeting of Latin American and Caribbean treasury departments (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 December 1994), and participated in various meetings convened by other bodies.

In the area of training, ILPES conducted seven international courses and two related national courses, for a total of over 1,000 teaching hours involving 260 participants. The international courses received financial support from the Ibero-American Cooperation Institute of Spain, the International Institute for Public Administration of France, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Other national courses of various lengths were organized on subjects which were of high priority for some Latin American Governments. As usual, ILPES also supported the teaching activities of other organizations and institutions on specific subjects related to its own research.

In the area of technical cooperation, ILPES undertook 20 advisory assistance missions to central government and decentralized bodies, and to academic institutions, in 11 countries of the region.

i) Documents

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Manual de identificación, preparación y evaluación de proyectos, Cuadernos del ILPES series, No. 39 (LC/IP/G.70-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.93.III.F.3.

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Universidad, desarrollo regional e inteligencia social (LC/IP/G.74).

Los escenarios del desarrollo descentralizado en América Latina (LC/IP/G.75).

Competitividad internacional de regiones (LC/IP/G.76).

Regionalización, descentralización y desarrollo regional: perspectivas polítco-administrativas en Chile (LC/IP/G.77).

Incentivos fiscales y desarrollo regional: la experiencia internacional (LC/IP/G.78).

La gestión del desarrollo regional en economías de mercado abiertas y descentralizadas: el caso chileno (LC/IP/G.79).

Estado, política y gremios en la creación del Risaralda: evaluación de un proyecto político (LC/IP/G.80).

Modernización y gestión regional: el caso chileno (LC/IP/G.81).

La mesoeconomía territorial: interacción entre personas e instituciones. Notas para orientar a los gobiernos regionales (LC/IP/G.82).

La modernización del Estado: una mirada desde las regiones (LC/IP/G.83).

Regionalismo abierto y regionalismo virtual (LC/IP/G.84).

Competitividad internacional, estrategia empresarial y papel de las regiones (LC/IP/G.85).

Bibliografía por autores sobre desarrollo regional: escritos de Sergio Boisier (LC/IP/G.86).

Sociedad civil, actores sociales y desarrollo regional (LC/IP/G.87).

El desafío territorial de la globalización: reflexiones acerca del sistema regional chileno (LC/IP/G.89).

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Reforma y modernización del Estado, Boletín del Instituto, No. 1 (LC/IP/G.92), September 1995.

Manual metodológico para la identificación, preparación y evaluación de proyectos ambientales (LC/IP/L.88).

Notas sobre la acción regional (subnacional) en el tema de los recursos humanos (LC/IP/L.89).

El desarrollo y la competitividad a través de la articulación de los actores sociales: una reflexión para Concepción (LC/IP/L.90).

Métodos de análisis prospectivo: reseña y su utilidad para proyectos de inversión (LC/IP/L.91).

Manual de jerarquización de proyectos (LC/IP/L.92).

Técnicas de análisis regional: ejercitación y aplicación: TAREA (versión 2.0). Guía de técnicas y manual de uso del sistema computacional (LC/IP/L.93).

Aspectos ambientales y decisiones económicas en los países en desarrollo (LC/IP/L.94).

Gestión y valoración de proyectos de recursos naturales (LC/IP/L.95).

Guía para la identificación y formulación de proyectos de educación (LC/IP/L.96/Rev.1).

Eficiencia y redistribución del ingreso como criterios de valor en la evaluación de proyectos (LC/IP/L.98).

La integración de consideraciones sobre medio ambiente y sustentabilidad en las políticas y la planificación del desarrollo agrícola y rural: examen general de temas con fines de capacitación (LC/IP/L.99).

Análisis costo-beneficio: limitaciones y utilización en proyectos de infraestructura totalmente privatizados (LC/IP/L.100).

El análisis costo-beneficio y el medio ambiente (LC/IP/L.101).

La gerencia pública en el sector social: qué, cómo y para quién (LC/IP/L.102).

La gerencia de megaproyectos sociales: el caso de la educación básica (LC/IP/L.103).

Instrumentos económicos para la protección ambiental: una alternativa ante los errores de política y las fallas del mercado (LC/IP/L.105).

Modelo de medición del desempeño de empresas industriales y comerciales del Estado: distribución de sus utilidades y financiamiento de proyectos (LC/IP/L.106).

State reform and modernization (LC/IP/L.107).

El sistema de salud en Chile ante la descentralización política (LC/IP/L.108).

La municipalización de servicios sociales en Chile (LC/IP/L.109).

Guía para la identificación y formulación de proyectos de salud (LC/IP/L.110).

Seguimiento a la gestión institucional y evaluación de resultados sociales de los planes de inversión municipal. Manual de indicadores (LC/IP/L.111).

Financiación de programas y proyectos de inversión local: la experiencia de Colombia (LC/IP/L.112).

Guía para la preparación y ejecución de planes de inversión municipal (LC/IP/L.113).

Guía metodológica general para la preparación y evaluación de proyectos de inversión social (LC/IP/L.114).

Manual de contratación de obras y servicios de desarrollo local (LC/IP/L.115).

Guía de gestión del saneamiento básico municipal (LC/IP/L.116).

La identificación de proyectos y bolsones de pobreza a nivel local: guía para utilizar la base de datos del censo en REDATAM-Plus (LC/IP/L.117).

La última oportunidad de la descentralización en el Perú: entre la parálisis y los nuevos consensos (LC/IP/L.118).

Control ciudadano y control comunitario de gestión y de resultados (LC/IP/L.119).

Resolutions of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning (LC/IP/R.82/Rev.4).

Resolutions of the Regional Council for Planning (LC/IP/R.83/Rev.3).

Pondering planning (LC/IP/R.139).

Bolsones de pobreza intracomunales y espacios de inversión (LC/IP/R.141).

Planificación descentralizada y participación social en el nuevo contexto del desarrollo (LC/IP/R.142).

Desarrollo local: la apuesta por la democracia descentralizada y el humanismo social (LC/IP/R.143).

State reform and modernization (LC/IP/R.144).

El gobierno y la administración pública local en los escenarios de la descentralización (LC/IP/R.147).

Estado y planificación: el caso de Chile (LC/IP/R.149).

La política económica en la poscrisis y el proceso de reforma del Estado (LC/IP/R.150).

Indicadores de la política fiscal: diseño y aplicaciones en América Latina (LC/IP/R.151/Rev.1).

Informe de relatoría. Taller sobre "Sistemas integrados de administración financiera" (LC/IP/R.152).

Privatizaciones: panorámica de un tema de actualidad (LC/IP/R.153).

El subdesarrollo comienza al Sur (LC/IP/R.154).

La equidad en el presupuesto público (LC/IP/R.155/Rev.1).

La descentralización de la salud en América Latina: la municipalización de los sistemas locales de salud (LC/IP/R.156).

El proceso decisorio público: evaluación de impactos y logro de consensos (LC/IP/R.158).

Cambio tecnológico, reestructuración productiva y estrategia de desarrollo (LC/IP/R.159).

Espacio, territorio y desarrollo económico local (LC/IP/R.160).

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar-workshop on strategies for the modernization of the public services, organized jointly with the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (Ministry of the Interior), Chile (Santiago, Chile, 12 January 1994).

Workshop on municipalization of social services (15 participants) (Santiago, Chile, 28 March 1994).

Seminar on Municipalization of social services organized jointly with the Office of the Under-Secretary for Regional and Administrative Development (Ministry of the Interior), Chile, and sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (20 participants) (Santiago, Chile, 29 April 1994).

Seminar on reform and modernization of the State in Latin America, organized jointly with the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit of the Government of Mexico and the International Institute for Public Administration of France (30 participants) (Mexico City, 18-20 May 1994).

Seminar on municipal management and training, organized jointly with UNDP (Santiago, Chile, 27-28 September 1994).

Seminar on modernization of the State and planning and control systems, organized jointly with the Central University of Chile and the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina (Santiago, Chile, 27 October 1994).

First meeting of Latin American and Caribbean treasury departments, organized jointly with the Inter-American Public Budget Association, the General Treasury of the Republic of Chile, the Banco del Estado de Chile, the International Cooperation Agency of Chile and the Office of the Under-Secretary for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Worship and International Trade of Argentina (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 December 1994).

Seminar on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized under the technical cooperation agreement, with the Brazilian Ministry of Planning and Evaluation and the Institute of Applied Economic Research; involved the training of 20 government officials by presenting the three modules of the ILPES international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, with a view to its adaptation for a national course to be given in Brazil during 1996 (Brasilia, 2-6 October 1995).

Workshop on the public decision-making process and resource allocation (Santiago, Chile, 30 November-6 December 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Seminar-workshop on local planning and State modernization, organized by the Development Programme for Displaced Persons, Refugees and Returnees (PRODERE). Paper presented on local planning and decentralization in the context of the new regional realities (San Salvador, 18-23 January 1994).

Fifth Colombian Caribbean Forum. Paper presented on territorial postmodernism and globalization (Cartagena, Colombia, 25 February 1994).

First meeting of Latin American and Caribbean mayors, organized by UNDP. Paper presented on the municipal challenge for humane government (Medellín, Colombia, 9-15 May 1994).

Seminar on municipalization of social services, organized by the Municipality of Temuco (Temuco, Chile, 3-5 August 1994).

International seminar on regionalization, decentralization and regional development: the Chilean experience, organized by Valparaíso Catholic University and the University of Florida (Marbella, Chile, 11 August 1994).

Seminar on regionalization and economic change, organized by the Central Office for Planning and Coordination, the Foundation for the Development of the Central-Western Region and the OAS (Barquisimeto, Venezuela, 5-6 October 1994).

National meeting of mayors in defence of children (Viña del Mar, Chile, 7-8 October 1994).

Twenty-first international seminar of the Inter-American Public Budget Association. Paper presented on public budgets and social equity (Brasilia, 28 November-1 December 1994).

Lecture on competitiveness and territory and territorial management, given at the invitation of the Colombian National Congress (Bogotá, Colombia, 15 May 1995).

Presentation on civil society and the elimination of poverty at the seminar entitled, "Poverty, the responsibility of all", organized by the National Council for the Elimination of Poverty (Rancagua, Chile, 31 May 1995).

International seminar on democracy and popular participation, organized by the Centre for Higher University Studies of the Universidad Mayor de San Simón and the Latin American Institute for Social Research. Paper presented on political and economic institutionalization of popular participation (the experience of decentralization) (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 27-28 July 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Río Cuarto Regional Commission, to study the possibility of a bilateral technical cooperation programme.

Brazil

With the Ministry of Planning for the Office of the Presidency (SEPLAN) in negotiating and preparing an integrated cooperation agreement with ILPES for follow-up of government actions; also in training and horizontal technical cooperation activities.

Colombia

With the Municipal Government of Medellín, in local development planning.

With the National Bureau of Statistics, in the use and applications of the REDATAM computer system (recovery of data on small areas by microcomputer, with multidisciplinary database and with interface with geographic and demographic information systems).

Chile

With the Government of Cardenal José María Caro province (Region VI), on local development.

Ecuador

With the Municipal Government of Quito, in local development planning.

El Salvador

With the Department of National Reconstruction, in economic planning.

With the Development Programme for Displaced Persons, Refugees and Returnees (PRODERE), in local development planning.

With the Office of the Vice-President of the Republic, in preparing a UNDP/ILPES agreement on economic policy.

Jamaica

With the Planning Institute of Jamaica, on a project data bank.

Mexico

With the National Government Service Institute, in local development programmes.

Uruguay

With the Office of Planning and the Budget, in the design of a macroeconomic model.

Venezuela

With the Social Investment Fund, in planning training activities in project evaluation.

With the Andrés Bello Catholic University and the Central Statistics and Informatics Office, in the use and applications of the REDATAM computer system.

With the Central Office for Planning and Coordination, to discuss with the Minister and his colleagues the preparation of the ninth National Plan and the development of a training programme in economic reforms and strategic public management; also in the establishment of a project data bank.

iv) Training and fellowships

International courses

First international course on preparation, evaluation and management of local development projects (Santiago, Chile, 8 July-12 August 1994), for 30 participants from 14 countries of the region (13 fellowships).

Integrated laboratory on the design of regional strategies (LIDER) - high-level training programme in regional development (Santiago, Chile, 12 August-16 September 1994), for 24 participants from 11 countries of the region (10 fellowships).

Second international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized jointly with the International Institute for Public Administration of the Government of France and the Inter-American Public Budget Association (Santiago, Chile, 23 September-28 October 1994) for 31 participants from 14 countries of the region (8 fellowships).

International course on decentralization and municipal management (Santiago, Chile, 3 November-7 December 1994) for 32 participants from 15 countries of the region (13 fellowships).

Course on development in Latin America, organized by the Ibero-American Department of the International University of Andalucía, ILPES and ECLAC (La Rábida, Spain, 17 April-16 June 1995) for 53 participants from various Latin American countries.

Second international course on preparation, evaluation and management of local development projects, organized by ILPES with the financial and technical support of the Ibero-American Cooperation Institute of the Government of Spain and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 29 May-30 June 1995) for 23 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Peru (12 fellowships).

Second international course on decentralization, municipal management and local development, organized by ILPES with financial support from the Government of Italy (Santiago, Chile, 7 August-8 September 1995) for 28 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Third international course on economic reforms and strategic public management, organized by ILPES with the cooperation of the International Institute for Public Administration of the Government of France and the Department of the Budget of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance of the Government of Spain. The course was also sponsored by the Inter-American Public Budget Association (Santiago, Chile, 3 November-7 December 1995) for 44 participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela.

National courses

Integrated laboratory on the design of regional strategies (LIDER) for 24 participants from Colombia (Manizales, Colombia, 2 May-3 June 1994).

LIDER-PARANA 95 high-level training programme in regional development, organized by ILPES jointly with the Institute for Economic and Social Development of Paraná (IPARDES) and with the collaboration of the Institute of Applied Economic Research/Economic Development Training Centre (Curitiba, Brazil, 31 July-1 September 1995) for 24 participants from Brazil.

Courses in specific areas

Lecture on project ranking and investment planning given in the ILPES/Regional Council on Economic and Social Planning course (Pamplona, Colombia, 26 March-1 April 1995).

Classes on regional development given at the Food and Development Research Centre (Hermosillo, Mexico, 8-12 May 1995).

Classes on regional development given at the Universidad del Valle (Cali, Colombia, 17-19 May 1995).

Support for national university programmes and teaching collaboration with other institutions

Participation in the opening of the master's programme in regional development management at the Southern University of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 7 March 1994).

Lectures on current topics in the area of regional development at the National University at Río Cuarto and the Río Cuarto Business, Trade and Industrial Centre (Río Cuarto, Argentina, 22-26 March 1994).

Participation in the opening ceremony of the master's programmes organized by the Southern University of Chile (Valdivia, Chile, 3-4 April 1994).

Inaugural lecture of the academic year given on the subject of "The university and regional development" at Bío-Bío University (Concepción, Chile, 8 April 1994).

Classes on public policies at the municipal level given as part of the postgraduate course on municipal management and government (Quito, 8-14 April 1994).

Course on changing production patterns with social equity and strategic State management given at the Chamber of Commerce (Pereira, Colombia, 6 May 1994).

Classes on preparation and social evaluation of investment projects given at La Laguna University (Tenerife, Spain, 6-24 May 1994).

Course on the political science of decentralization given for the master's programme in regional economics and management (Southern University of Chile/ILPES agreement) (Valdivia, Chile, 26 June-2 July 1994 and 26 September-7 October 1994).

Classes on regional development management given at the Technical University of Magdalena (Santa Marta, Colombia, 10-14 October 1994).

Classes on regional development management given at the Universidad del Valle (Cali, Colombia, 17-21 October 1994).

Participation in the summer seminar on State modernization, organized by Concepción University (Concepción, Chile, 11-12 January 1995).

Courses on regional development given at the Institute of Regional Studies, University of Antioquia (Colombia, 2-8 April 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 4: INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

During the biennium 1994-1995, the work of the Joint ECLAC/UNIDO Industrial and Technological Development Unit, which is responsible for this subprogramme, focused on analysis of the industrial restructuring process and the design of policies to enhance the competitiveness of the countries of the region. Including studies carried out as part of projects, the Unit published 10 articles in books and international periodicals and 23 official ECLAC documents. It organized six meetings, and its staff presented papers at 31 seminars and were panelists at 33 others. It also conducted seven courses (four at postgraduate level) and 13 computer application training workshops. Lastly, 40 technical assistance missions were carried out in 13 countries of the region.

Activities included:

i) Under the ECLAC/International Development Research Centre (IDRC) project CAN/93/S41, "Productive restructuring, industrial organization and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean", 22 documents were produced on the interactions between micro- and macroeconomics, and on the automobile, pharmaceutical, petrochemical and pulp and paper industries in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Mexico. These studies are to be published in five books during the course of 1996. The project results were made public at an international conference organized jointly with the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies and in 18 papers presented at conferences and seminars within and outside the region.

ii) Work under UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, "Policies to promote innovation and competitiveness in the Latin American and Caribbean business sector", involved 11 countries of the region, which received technical assistance on policies for export promotion, human resource development and technological innovation and dissemination. Government organizations were also given support in the design of industrial policies and the modernization of business associations was promoted. Of particular importance was the cooperation with the Institute of Applied Economic Research of Brazil, the Planning Institute of Jamaica, the National Council for Competitiveness and the National Bureau of Statistics of Colombia, the Ministry of Economic Development of Venezuela, and the National Council for Science and Technology and the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment of Bolivia. The project results were made public at two national seminars and one international seminar, in papers presented at 15 conferences, in a video and in six periodical articles and books published in America and Europe.

iii) Two computer programs were developed to evaluate the export competitiveness of 83 countries (Competitive Analysis of Nations - CAN) and industrial performance in the region (Industrial Performance Analysis Program). Thirteen training courses in the use of the CAN program were held at the request of governments, business associations and universities.

iv) The document, "Health, social equity and changing production patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean" (LC/G.1813(SES.25/18)), was prepared under the joint ECLAC/PAHO project and presented at the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC.

v) A seminar on technological development and environmental management in Latin American firms was held with the aim of suggesting guidelines for regulating the relationship between industry and the environment.

vi) Two documents were prepared proposing policy instruments for support of small and medium-sized enterprises, and a seminar was organized in Bolivia on the same subject, under UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039. There was also an international meeting organized together with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the SERCAL Foundation of Chile.

vii) A seminar was held on successful experiences in developing government-private sector links, as part of the ECLAC/Netherlands project HOL/93/S91, "New emergent actors for technical cooperation among developing countries: linkages between government and the private sector in selected countries in Latin America".

viii) A study and three specific documents on public investment in children were produced under the project, "Basic guidelines for joint UNICEF/ECLAC action over the medium term".

ix) In order to promote the exchange of information on restructuring and industrial policies, a regional network of researchers in this field was established. Progressive consolidation of this network has already produced a first annotated bibliography, including summaries of 80 studies prepared by these researchers.

x) As regards periodical publications, Nos. 16, 17, 27, 28 and 29 here issued in the Desarrollo productivo series: "Restructuring and Competitiveness".

xi) Lastly, the Unit contributed several chapters to the documents prepared by the secretariat for the twenty-fifth session of ECLAC: Latin America and the Caribbean: policies to improve linkages with the global economy and Open regionalism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Economic integration as a contribution to changing production patterns with social equity. In 1995, the Unit collaborated in the preparation of the document on saving, investment and technical progress that ECLAC is to present at its twenty-sixth session.

i) Documents

Reestructuración y desarrollo productivo: desafío y potencial para los años noventa, Estudios e informes de la CEPAL series, No. 92 (LC/G.1831-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.94.II.G.4.

Reestructuración y competitividad: bibliografía comentada, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 16 (LC/G.1840).

Síntesis del planteamiento de la CEPAL sobre la equidad y transformación productiva, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 17 (LC/G.1841).

Comercio internacional y medio ambiente. La discusión actual, Estudios e informes de la CEPAL series, No. 93 (LC/G.1860-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.7

CAN: Análisis de la competitividad de los países. Programa computacional para evaluar y describir el medio competitivo internacional, versión 2.0: manual de uso (LC/G.1863).

Indicadores de competitividad y productividad: revisión analítica y propuesta sobre su utilización, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 27 (LC/G.1870).

Innovación en tecnologías y sistemas de gestión ambientales en empresas líderes latinoamericanas. Experiencias empresariales en materia de desarrollo, aplicación y difusión de tecnologías ambientalmente racionales, Estudios e informes de la CEPAL series, No. 94 (LC/G.1871-P). United Nations publication, Sales No. S.95.II.G.11.

The Taiwanese experience with small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs): possible lessons for Latin America and the Caribbean, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 28 (LC/G.1872).

Fortalecimiento de los gremios empresariales en América Latina, Desarrollo productivo series, No. 29 (LC/G.1885).

Empresas líderes en desarrollo, aplicación y difusión de tecnologías ambientalmente racionales en América Latina: el caso de Maestranza Iquique S.A. - Hetland Process - y empresas pesqueras asociadas a CORPESCA, Chile (LC/R.1152/Rev.3).

Empresas líderes en desarrollo, aplicación y difusión de tecnologías ambientalmente racionales en América Latina: el caso de la empresa FIBRIT, Colombia (LC/R.1251/Rev.2).

Organización industrial, competitividad internacional y política pública en la década de los años noventa (LC/R.1329).

La pequeña y mediana empresa: algunos aspectos (LC/R.1330).

Empresas líderes en desarrollo, aplicación y difusión de tecnologías ambientalmente racionales en América Latina: el caso de desarrollo de tecnologías de tratamiento de efluentes, minimización de residuos y acceso al campo de la biotecnología en la fabricación de colorantes sintéticos de la empresa VILMAX S.A., Argentina (LC/R.1343).

Comercio exterior de bienes de capital en América Latina, 1985-1991 (LC/R.1366).

Grupos económicos y desarrollo: el caso de Chile (LC/R.1444).

Desempenho e desafios da indústria brasileira de máquinas-ferramentas (LC/R.1445).

La coyuntura regional desde la perspectiva de la industria de bienes de capital (LC/R.1449).

La industria argentina: de la sustitución de importaciones a la convertibilidad (LC/R.1454).

Del capitalismo asistido al capitalismo incierto: el caso de la industria petroquímica argentina (LC/R.1456).

Estabilidad y estructura: interacciones en el crecimiento económico (LC/R.1462).

Reconversión y competitividad en la industria colombiana: 1983-1993 (LC/R.1465).

Reorganización industrial y estrategias competitivas en Chile (LC/R.1467).

Perfil tecno-productivo de los grupos económicos en la industria argentina (LC/R.1472).

Reestruturação industrial em contexto macroeconômico instável: a experiência brasileira contemporânea (LC/R.1474).

Restructuring and changing market conditions in the Brazilian auto components industry (LC/R.1484).

La industria mexicana a principios de los noventa (LC/R.1489).

Desarrollo y crisis de la producción de celulosa y papel en Argentina (LC/R.1492).

Capacitación en América Latina: algunos desarrollos recientes, comparaciones internacionales y sugerencias de política (LC/R.1495).

Reconversión industrial y cambio estratégico en el bloque automotriz argentino, 1980-1993 (LC/R.1501).

Structural adjustment in Latin America: a select bibliography (LC/R.1503).

Desenvolvimento e competitividade do setor de papel e celulose no Brasil (LC/R.1505).

Cambios innovativos en sectores tradicionales de países en desarrollo: el caso de la industria del calzado en la Argentina (LC/R.1506).

Technology and work organization in Latin American motor vehicle industries (LC/R.1517).

El sector de celulosa y papel en Chile: un caso exitoso de reestructuración hacia los "commodities" industriales (LC/R.1521).

La industria chilena entre 1970-1994: de la sustitución de importaciones a la segunda fase exportadora (LC/R.1535).

International competition and globalization challenging the Brazilian automotive industry (LC/R.1536).

Comercio exterior de bienes de capital en América Latina 1985-1993 (LC/R.1538).

La industria farmacéutica y farmoquímica mexicana en el marco regulatorio de los años noventa (LC/R.1540).

Restructuring and international competitiveness: the Mexican automobile industry (LC/R.1550).

Formación y empresa. Algunos aportes recientes (LC/R.1552).

Régimen de incentivos, marco regulatorio y comportamiento microeconómico (LC/R.1561).

O setor farmacêutico/farmoquímico brasileiro e as mudanças institucionais dos anos 90 (LC/R.1566).

El comercio internacional de manufacturas de la Argentina, 1974-1990: políticas comerciales, cambios estructurales y nuevas formas de inserción internacional (LC/BUE/L.133).

De la sustitución de importaciones a la globalización: las empresas transnacionales en la industria argentina (LC/BUE/L.134).

La industria argentina: un proceso de reestructuración desarticulada (LC/BUE/L.135).

Industrialización e incorporación del progreso técnico en la Argentina (LC/BUE/L.136).

Ruedas de negocios y cooperación empresaria en el MERCOSUR: análisis y seguimiento de las ruedas de negocios organizadas por el SEBRAE-Rio de Janeiro en Buenos Aires (LC/BUE/L.138).

Calificación de los recursos humanos e industrialización: el desafío argentino de los años ochenta (LC/BUE/L.139).

Tecnologías de organización y estrategias competitivas (LC/BUE/L.140).

Tres etapas en la búsqueda de una especialización sustentable: exportaciones industriales argentinas, 1974-1993 (LC/BUE/L.142).

Nuevas bases de la política industrial en América Latina (LC/BUE/L.143).

Participación de las empresas transnacionales en las exportaciones argentinas (LC/BUE/L.144).

Las filiales argentinas de las empresas transnacionales de Estados Unidos: rasgos centrales y desempeño reciente (LC/BUE/L.145).

Vientos de cambio: los nuevos temas centrales sobre las empresas transnacionales (LC/BUE/L.146).

Perfil de la inserción externa y conducta exportadora de las pequeñas y medianas empresas industriales argentinas (LC/BUE/L.148).

Las PYMEs en el MERCOSUR: definiciones y primeras estimaciones (LC/BUE/R.186).

Pequeños y medianos empresarios industriales metalmecánicos de Rosario (LC/BUE/R.187).

Calificación de los recursos humanos e industrialización: el desafío argentino de los años noventa (LC/BUE/R.191).

Exportaciones industriales a Brasil, 1991/93: especialización, participación empresaria e importancia del mercado brasileño en las ventas y las exportaciones totales de un conjunto representativo de firmas (LC/BUE/R.192).

Tendencias principales de la inversión extranjera directa y de las empresas transnacionales en el actual contexto de la globalización (LC/BUE/R.193).

Estados Unidos en el nuevo contexto internacional; marco regulatorio para las exportaciones (LC/BUE/R.194).

Algunas tendencias de la economía mundial y su incidencia sobre el comercio internacional (LC/BUE/R.195).

Inserción internacional de la industria argentina (LC/BUE/R.196).

Exportaciones PYMEs industriales a fines de los años ochenta (LC/BUE/R.197).

Principales características de las pequeñas y medianas exportaciones a Brasil (LC/BUE/R.198).

Las exportaciones industriales a Chile y selección de las principales actividades exportadoras con predominio de firmas PYMEs (LC/BUE/R.199).

Principales características de las pequeñas y medianas exportaciones a Estados Unidos (LC/BUE/R.200).

Exportaciones PYMEs industriales en 1992: principales cambios con el quinquenio anterior (LC/BUE/R.201).

Principales características de las pequeñas y medianas exportaciones a Brasil (LC/BUE/R.202).

Las exportaciones industriales argentinas a Chile en 1992 y principales cambios en relación a 1988 (LC/BUE/R.203).

Rasgos básicos de las pequeñas y medianas exportaciones a Estados Unidos (LC/BUE/R.204).

Nuevas bases de la política industrial en América Latina (LC/BUE/R.205).

Restricciones a las exportaciones de las pequeñas y medianas firmas de química liviana: líneas de trabajo para apoyar su proceso exportador (LC/BUE/R.206).

Informe sobre las exportaciones PYMEs de bienes de capital y equipos científicos (LC/BUE/R.207).

Principales resultados del estudio sobre restricciones a las exportaciones de PYMEs industriales de la zona del centro de Santa Fé (LC/BUE/R.208).

Internacionalización de las pequeñas y medianas empresas argentinas en el MERCOSUR: exportaciones y modalidades de cooperación empresarial (LC/BUE/R.209).

Las exportaciones de las pequeñas y medianas firmas de productos plásticos: principales restricciones y lineamientos para su promoción (LC/BUE/R.210).

Restricciones a las pequeñas y medianas empresas cordobesas para exportar (LC/BUE/R.211).

Restricciones de las pequeñas y medianas empresas mendocinas para exportar: productores de agroalimentos y metalmecánicos (LC/BUE/R.212).

Exportaciones de empresas PYMEs de manufacturas de cuero: principales resultados del trabajo de campo (LC/BUE/R.213).

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ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

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International seminar on technological development and environmental management in Latin American enterprises, organized jointly with the Manufacturers' Association (SOFOFA) and the Association of Metallurgical and Mechanical Engineering Industries (ASIMET) (Santiago, Chile, 5 April 1994).

National seminar on competitive analysis of nations and strengthening business associations in Latin America, organized by UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039 and the APEC Educational Credit Foundation, Inc. (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 27-28 May 1994).

Second seminar on industrial organization, innovative mechanisms and international competitiveness, organized by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC, as part of the joint ECLAC/International Development Research Centre (IDRC) project CAN/93/S41, "Productive restructuring, industrial organization and international competitiveness in Latin America and the Caribbean" (Termas del Corazón, Chile, 6-8 June 1994).

National seminar on policies for competitiveness for the small and medium-sized enterprise, organized jointly by UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, the Social, Economic and Technological Assistance Institute, the Small-scale Industries Association and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (La Paz, Bolivia, 10 November 1994).

National forum on competitive industrial development in Venezuela, organized jointly by UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Venezuela Competitiva association, and the Foreign Trade Institute (Caracas, Venezuela, 20 March 1995).

International seminar on successful experiences in government-private sector cooperation in Latin America, organized by the ECLAC/Netherlands project HOL/93/S91, "New emergent actors for technical cooperation among developing countries: linkages between government and the private sector in selected countries in Latin America" (Santiago, Chile, 22-23 May 1995).

Meeting on restructuring public institutes, organized jointly by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC and the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Santiago, Chile, 22-23 August 1995).

Conference on productivity, technological change and mechanisms for innovation in Latin America in the 1990s, organized by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC, as part of joint ECLAC/IDRC project CAN/93/S41, with the cooperation of the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH) (Marbella, Chile, 28-30 August 1995).

International seminar on the new role of business associations in the development of production, organized jointly by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the SERCAL Foundation, with the sponsorship of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile and the Small-scale Industrial Development Network for the Andean Region (ANDINET) (Santiago, Chile, 25-26 October 1995).

International seminar on industrial policy: a comparative analysis of the recent experience of Latin American and European countries, organized jointly by UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, the Institute of Applied Economic Research and the ECLAC office in Brasilia (Brasilia, 5-6 December 1995).

Participation in other seminars, meetings and conferences

Seminar, "Workers and the modernization of production in small and medium-sized enterprises. A vision of entrepreneurs and workers", organized by the Technical Cooperation Service of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 26 January 1994).

Seminar, "Towards an ecological society", organized by the Institute of Political Ecology (Santiago, Chile, 24 March 1994).

Seminar on industry and liberalization, organized by the Economics Department of the Social Sciences Faculty of the University of the Republic (Montevideo, Uruguay, 25-26 April 1994).

Workshop on the sociology of work, organized by the Commission on Labour Movements of the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 11 May 1994).

Round table on economic and social trends in Latin America, organized by the Canadian Embassy to Chile (Santiago, Chile, 13 May 1994).

Workshop on public policies, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 3 June 1994).

Seminar on dual professional training: projections from the Chilean experience, organized jointly by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Ministry of Public Education and the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 14 June 1994).

Seminar-workshop on analysis of the scientific technological agricultural system in Chile: identification of critical areas for intervention and strategies for action, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of Chile and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) of the OAS (Santiago, Chile, 14 June 1994).

Workshop on public policies and worker training, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 17 June 1994).

Seminar on the Chile-Colombia free trade agreement, organized by the Chilean-Colombian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, A.G. (Santiago, Chile, 22 June 1994).

Conference on the development experience of the Latin American/Caribbean region and the East Asian countries, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 June 1994).

Meeting of ECLAC and the Bolívar Programme (Santiago, Chile, 4 July 1994).

Workshop on the sociology of work, organized by the Commission on Labour Movements of the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 6 July 1994).

Meeting on challenges of technological innovation in Chile, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile with the collaboration of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 9 August 1994).

Seminar, "First trinational summer institute on innovation, competitiveness and sustainability", organized by the Trinational Institute on Innovation, Competitiveness and Sustainability of Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre (Le Chamois, Canada, 14-21 August 1994).

International seminar on production linkages and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, organized jointly with the Corporation for the Promotion and Development of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and the Programme for the Development of Small and Medium-sized Industry in Latin America and sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, with the collaboration of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 24-25 August 1994).

Workshop on new technologies, economies of scale and scope and location of production in developing countries, organized by the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH) (Maastricht, Netherlands, 5-6 September 1994).

Regional seminar on technological innovation and industrial property, organized jointly with the Chilean Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), with the collaboration of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 20-21 September 1994).

Seminar on quality as a tool for improving enterprises, organized by regional programme US/RLA/90/004, "Industrial automation of the capital goods industry of Latin America", based at the Federico Santa María Technical University, Valparaíso, Chile, with the collaboration of the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 28 September 1994).

International symposium on competitiveness: experiences and strategies, organized by the Cali Chamber of Commerce, the Foundation for the Integrated Development of the Cauca Valley and the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce (Cali, Colombia, 28-30 September 1994).

Ninth conference of the Association of Latin American Economics Faculties, Schools and Institutes, entitled, "Challenges and tasks for Latin American development" (Maracaibo, Venezuela, 3-5 October 1994).

Workshop on the sociology of work, organized by the Commission on Labour Movements of the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO) (Santiago, Chile, 5 October 1994).

Scientific convention of the Programme on Science and Technology for Development (CYTED), (Cancún, Mexico, 6-10 October 1994).

Seminar on labour institutions and the labour market in Chile, organized by the Chilean Ministry of Labour and Social Security (Santiago, Chile, 7 October 1994).

Forum entitled "Industrial policy: How? Why? For whom?", organized by the Institute of Applied Economic Research, with the support of the Federation of Industries of the State of São Paulo and the Roberto Simonsen Institute (São Paulo, Brazil, 11 October 1994).

International conference on the impact of Chile's entry into NAFTA, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 19-20 October 1994).

Workshop on new forms of business development, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 27 October 1994).

First meeting of the Regional Forum on Industrial Policy, organized by the Latin American Economic System (SELA), sponsored by UNIDO (San José, Costa Rica, 27-28 October 1994).

Workshop on technological policies and development of production, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 10 November 1994).

Thirty-fifth meeting of the members of the Latin American Iron and Steel Institute (ILAFA) and Latin American Iron and Steel Congress, organized by ILAFA (Santiago, Chile, 20-23 November 1994).

Seminar on ethics and economics, organized by the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies and the periodical Mensaje (Santiago, Chile, 24 November 1994).

Forum on new scenarios of industrial policy and technological development in Colombia, organized by the Institute for Development Policies of the Pontifical Xaverian University, with the support of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the National Planning Department (Bogotá, Colombia, 30 November 1994).

Conference on industrial economic strategies for Europe: preparing for the turn of the century, organized by the European Union and the University of Bologna (Bologna, Italy, 2-3 December 1994).

Seminar on industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America, organized by the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH), (Maastricht, Netherlands, 13 December 1994).

Meeting on the functioning of the health sector in Chile, organized by the Health Studies Centre (Santiago, Chile, 13 December 1994).

Workshop on the results of a study of the Region VI Mechanical Engineering development project, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 15 December 1994).

Workshop on foreign direct investment, economic structure and governments, organized by Erasmus University, Netherlands, and the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies UNU/INTECH (Rotterdam, Netherlands, 15-16 December 1994).

Seminar on the current situation in agriculture: evaluation and perspectives, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 4 January 1995).

Address on the reforms in the ex-Soviet Union: myth, reality and perspectives, organized by the Centre for Applied Economics of the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 6 January 1995).

International conference on NAFTA, Latin American trade agreements and regional integration, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN), and sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) (Santiago, Chile, 12-13 January 1995).

International symposium on industrial restructuring in Latin America: the challenges of globalization, organized by CREDAL, of the University of Paris-Sorbonne, CERETIM and the Groupe de recherche et d'études économiques et sociales sur l'Amérique latine (GRESAL) (Paris, 26-28 January 1995).

Regional workshop on the sustainable paper cycle, organized by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) of London (Rio de Janeiro, 9 March 1995).

Seminar on industrial policy, organized by the Institute of Applied Economic Research (Brasilia, 9 March 1995).

Seminar on the new role of business associations in the development of competitive industrial policy, organized by the Ministry of Economic Development, the Fund for Productivity Research and Improvement, the National Society for Reciprocal Guarantees for Medium- and Small-scale Industry and the company VeneConsultores (Caracas, Venezuela, 17 March 1995).

Workshop on new forms of business development: the institutional structure of productive development in three South-East Asian countries, organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 22 March 1995).

Seminar on modernization and the labour market: the Brazilian experience, organized by the ILO Multidisciplinary Technical Team (Santiago, Chile, 23 March 1995).

Seminar on challenges for quality education, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 11-12 April 1995).

Seminar on income distribution in Chile, 1990-1993, supplementary survey of income, organized by the National Institute of Statistics (INE) (Santiago, Chile, 20 April 1995).

Workshop on technology transfer, trade and development: newly industrialized economies in global competition, organized by the Department of Economic Sciences of the University of Venice (Venice, Italy, 28 April 1995).

Address on the modernization of the Latin American enterprise: dealing with specifics (Santiago, Chile, 10 May 1995).

Workshop on international cooperation and the incorporation of knowledge into production, organized by the Executive Secretariat for International Technical Cooperation of the Peruvian Ministry for the Presidency, with the cooperation of the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) (Lima, Peru, 12 May 1995).

Conference on national industrial policy, organized by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) and UNDP (Kingston, Jamaica, 29-30 May 1995).

Joint ECLAC/INIA meeting on agricultural technological development in MERCOSUR, organized jointly by the ECLAC Division of Production, Productivity and Management and the Institute of Agricultural Research (INIA) (Santiago, Chile, 30 May 1995).

Seminar on tradable emission rights in Santiago, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 31 May 1995).

Workshop on the structure of international markets in pharmaceutical products, organized by the Cuban Ministry of Health (Havana, Cuba, 2-3 June 1995).

Seminar-workshop on environmental sustainability of economic growth, organized by the Centre for Analysis of Public Policies (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 June 1995).

Workshop on stabilization of workers' income and labour flexibility (first part), organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 23 June 1995).

Meeting on evolutionary processes of growth and development: history and theories, organized by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) (Laxenburg, Austria 27-29 June 1995).

Workshop on stabilization of workers' income and labour flexibility (second part), organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 4 July 1995).

Seminar on challenges for labour relations of the global economic and business environment, organized by the Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 10 July 1995).

Symposium on the new generation of development policies, organized by UNDP with the collaboration of the ECLAC office in Montevideo (Montevideo, Uruguay, 10-12 July 1995).

Workshop on challenges, policies and instruments for restructuring of production and labour, in the context of constant and widespread changes in production patterns, organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 11 July 1995).

Workshop on the technological dimension of productive development: challenges, policies and instruments, organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 17 July 1995).

Opening of the Centre for Industrial Productivity, organized jointly by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC and the Centre for Industrial Productivity (Santiago, Chile, 24 July 1995).

Seminar on ISO 14000 and environmental management, organized by AIC Conferences S.A. (Santiago, Chile, 27 July 1995).

Workshop on the environmental dimension of productive development, organized by the Productive Development Forum and the Corporation for the Year 2000 (Santiago, Chile, 4 August 1995).

Launch of the book, Estrategias para combatir la pobreza en América Latina: programas, instituciones y recursos, Dagmar Raczynski (ed.), organized by the Economic Research Corporation for Latin America (CIEPLAN) (Santiago, Chile, 7 August 1995).

Meeting of Ministers for Industry of the Andean Countries —Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela (Bogotá, Colombia, 11 August 1995).

Seminar on environmental management and enterprise, organized by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Santiago (Santiago, Chile, 24 August 1995).

First International Congress on Industrial Engineering, organized by the Production Engineering Department of the Federal University of São Carlos (São Paulo, 5-7 September 1995).

International forum on productivity, competitiveness and internationalization of the economy, organized by the National Bureau of Statistics (Bogotá, Colombia, 6-7 September 1995).

Seminar organized under the project entitled "Exchange of experiences on economic and social policies for development between Latin America, Russia and selected European countries", for which the executive bodies are ECLAC and the Latin American Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation (Moscow, 11-15 September 1995).

Workshop on Subprogramme XVI/CYTED, organized by the Programme on Science and Technology for Development (CYTED) (Concepción, Chile, 21 September 1995).

Seminar on technical guidelines for pollution control in specific activities, sponsored by the Manufacturers' Association and the National Environment Commission, Metropolitan Region (Santiago, Chile, 26 September 1995).

Seminar on training in the context of the national productive development policy, organized by the Business Support Centre of Arica and the National Training and Employment Service for Region I and sponsored by the Ministry of Planning and Cooperation (Arica, Chile, 28 September 1995).

Nineteenth International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) (Washington, D.C., 28-30 September 1995).

Thirty-second meeting of the Technical Committee of the Inter-American Research and Documentation Centre on Vocational Training (CINTERFOR/ILO) (Ocho Ríos, Jamaica, 3-6 October 1995).

International seminar on regulation and deregulation in Latin America, organized jointly by the University of Chile and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 5-7 October 1995).

Seminar on culture, citizenship and integration in Latin America, organized by the Department of Social Sciences of the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies, under the Master's Programme in Latin American Social and Political Studies (Santiago, Chile, 9-10 October 1995).

Forum on Chile and MERCOSUR: impact on product certification and firm registration under ISO 9000, organized by the Office of Scientific and Technological Research and the Faculty of Engineering of the Catholic University of Chile and sponsored by the Division of Production, Productivity and Management of ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 11 October 1995).

Seminar on quality and competitiveness, a single challenge, organized by the Technical Cooperation Service and sponsored by the National Centre for Productivity and Quality (Santiago, Chile, 19 October 1995).

First Congress of the Paraguayan Studies Association (Asunción, Paraguay, 19-21 October 1995).

First international workshop on economics and management, on the topic of competing in globalized markets, organized by the Department of Industrial Engineering of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 24-27 October 1995).

Analytical seminar on the impact of the new ISO 14000 standards on export markets and internal management of enterprises in Chile, organized by the Confederation of Production and Commerce and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Chile (Santiago, Chile, 25 October 1995).

Seminar on waste handling and environmental management, organized by AIC Conferences S.A. (Santiago, Chile, 25-27 October 1995).

First national seminar on the cooperative savings and loan system: development and projections, organized by the Chilean Federation of Savings and Loan Cooperatives (Talca, Chile, 28 October 1995).

Seminar on the competitiveness of the wine industry at the international level, organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 30 October 1995).

Chile-Puerto Rico economic symposium, organized by the Governor of Puerto Rico (Santiago, Chile, 2 November 1995).

Seminar on engineering and development: flexibility and automation, organized by students of the Engineering and Development Corporation (Santiago, Chile, 2-4 November 1995).

Meeting on prospects for scientific and technological development in the Latin American university, organized by the Inter-University Centre for Development (Santiago, Chile, 4-5 November 1995).

Presentation of the national accreditation system of the National Institute of Standardization, organized by the Institute (Santiago, Chile, 8 November 1995).

International congress on health, crisis and reform, organized by the Argentine Chamber of Health Enterprises (Buenos Aires, 8-10 November 1995).

Seminar on science and technology, the environment and sustainable development in the Latin American context, organized by the State Department of Science and Technology and of the Environment of Rio de Janeiro and sponsored by the Ministries of Science and Technology and of the Environment, Water Resources and the Amazon Treaty Region, and the Forum of State Departments of Science and Technology and of the Environment, with the support of UNESCO, the Latin American Centre for Physics and the Latin American Technological Data Network (RITLA) (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 9-10 November 1995).

Sixth "Week for productivity and quality in Enterprise", organized by the Extension Centre of the Catholic University of Chile and the Programme for Productivity and Quality in Enterprise; included a seminar on the application of ISO 9000 standards in Chile (Santiago, Chile, 13-14 November 1995) and another on management for competitiveness (Santiago, Chile, 15-16 November 1995).

Seminar entitled "Beyond project environmental impact standard: strategic environmental assessment and its application to policies, programmes and plans", organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 15 November 1995).

Seminar on analysis of product life cycles as related to performance-based environmental labelling (type III labelling), organized by the Centre for Public Studies (Santiago, Chile, 16 November 1995).

Workshop on poverty and income distribution in Chile, organized by the Corporation for Justice and Democracy (Santiago, Chile, 20 November 1995).

Seminar on promoting competitiveness in the Caribbean business sector, organized by the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, and the Association of Small Industrial Businesses of Saint Lucia (Castries, Saint Lucia, 28 November 1995).

Workshop on implementation of the Uruguay Round in Latin America in relation to agriculture, organized by FAO and the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 28-30 November 1995).

Seminar on industrial property in Chile as a tool for innovation and competition in the market, organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction (Santiago, Chile, 30 November 1995).

International seminar on mechanisms for environmental management based on the ISO 14000 standards series, organized by the Inter-American Centre for Integrated Social Development (Santiago, Chile, 30 November-1 December 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

With regional and international organizations

With the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada, on analysis of trends and changes in industrial and technological development processes, economic liberalization, industrial restructuring and international competitiveness in the Latin American region.

With the Pan American Health Organization and the World Bank, in relation to a study conducted by the two institutions on "Investing in Health"; a paper entitled "Salud, innovación tecnológica y marco regulatorio" was presented.

With the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH), in the field of new technologies, economies of scale and industrial numerical control, and of industrial competitiveness policies in Latin America.

With the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria, on technological progress and innovation theory and its application in relatively less-developed countries.

With UNIDO, in the preparation of an international forum entitled, "Post-2000 outlook and perspectives for industrial development", New Delhi, India, 16-19 October 1995; collaboration covered the following specific subjects: projections of industrial growth, competitiveness in the manufacturing sector, technological innovation and trade liberalization.

With the United Nations University Institute for New Technologies (UNU/INTECH) under UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039, in the preparation of a study on change and technological adaptability in Latin America and the Caribbean presented at the conference on productivity, technological change and mechanisms for mechanisms for innovation Latin America in the 1990s (Marbella, Chile, 28-30 August 1995) and at the international forum on productivity, competitiveness and internationalization of the economy (Bogotá, Colombia, 6-7 September 1995).

With the Ministers for Industry of the Andean Countries, at the meeting on industrial complementation and competitiveness (Bogotá, Colombia, 11 August 1995), which issued a declaration in which the ministers from Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela "fully supported adoption of the strategy for changing production patterns with social equity proposed by ECLAC". Also attending were the Chairman of the Andean Development Corporation and the Coordinator of the Board of the Cartagena Agreement (part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039).

Argentina

With the University of Buenos Aires, in connection with industrial restructuring and international competitiveness, and also in the preparation of a proposal for an agreement on collaboration between the University of Buenos Aires and ECLAC.

With the Institute for Health, the Environment, the Economy and Society (ISALUD Foundation) and Lomas de Zamora National University, on health and social security matters.

Bolivia

With the office of the Vice-President of the Republic, in the preparation of a science and technology programme under the responsibility of the National Council for Science and Technology, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the National Planning Department of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, as part of project BOL/94/036, to establish a Productivity Forum under the Council for National Development and to support the National Planning System. It has been suggested that ECLAC should be included on the interministerial technical committee responsible for the setting up of the forum.

With the Social, Economic and Technological Assistance Institute, in the preparation of a book entitled Políticas de competitividad para la pequeña y mediana empresa, as part of ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039.

Brazil

With the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, on matters relating to the health sector and the pharmaceuticals industry, and on reprogramming of its biotechnology research activities.

With the Institute of Applied Economic Research, on the design of industriai policy in Brazil, as part of ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039.

Canada

With the Canadian Embassy in Chile, during the round table on economic and social trends in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 13 May 1994), on the topic of industrial restructuring and competitiveness.

Chile

With the Maquehue Inter-Agency Programme in Temuco, in order to initiate the following activities: increasing productivity, marketing lupin (the region's principal crop) through community-based micro-enterprises, primary health care, intercultural bilingual education and community organization.

With the Antofagasta Business Association of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and the Catholic University of the North, in analysing the problems of small and medium-sized enterprises and exploring possible ways of solving them, held at Antofagasta industrial park.

With the Ministry for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, in connection with indicators of industrial competitiveness, and also in a study of mechanisms for innovation.

With the Technological Research Institute, on the design of technological policies, innovation and industrial development and the relationship between the macroeconomic and microeconomic dimensions.

With the Productive Development Forum, coordinated by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, and the Corporation for the Year 2000, in the identification and promotion of initiatives geared to facilitating dynamic and sustained growth in a small, open economy such as the Chilean economy, in a stable and equitable framework.

With the secretariat of the Science and Technology Programme of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction, on matters related to technology policy and management, as part of ECLAC/UNDP regional project RLA/88/039.

Colombia

With the Colombian Federation of Metallurgical Industries, in the area of capital goods.

With the Government's economics team, in connection with industrial policy and international competitiveness.

With the Foundation for the Integrated Development of the Cauca Valley, in an analysis of various methodologies for evaluating the competitiveness of the companies of the Cauca Valley, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the Institute for Training and Research in Plastics and Rubber of the Colombian Association of Plastics Industries, on international competitiveness, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the National Manufacturers' Association, with reference to productivity and technological change in Latin America: comparative analysis of various countries.

With the Office of the Council on Economic Affairs and Competitiveness of the Presidency of the Republic, the National Planning Department, the National Bureau of Statistics, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, and the Ministry of Economic Development, in relation to policy design and analysis, especially in the fields of technology dissemination, human resource development, infrastructure, business administration and mechanisms for oversight and exchange of experiences on how to improve competitiveness, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the National Bureau of Statistics, in the study of indicators of competitiveness as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the National Planning Department, in the preparation of a project on sectoral policies to enhance competitiveness.

Cuba

With the Ministry of Health, in the analysis of the pharmaceutical industry.

Dominican Republic

With the APEC Educational Credit Foundation, Inc., in the organization of a seminar on international competitiveness entitled, "Competitive analysis of nations and the strengthening of business associations in Latin America" (Santo Domingo, 27-28 May 1994), as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

Ecuador

With the Institute of Socio-economic and Technological Research, on the technological requirements of small and medium-sized Ecuadorian firms, as part of the project, "Education and the small to medium-sized firm", financed by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

With the Central Bank of Ecuador, in relation to macroeconomic and microeconomic policies to enhance competitiveness.

Jamaica

With the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), in the design of policies to promote exports and in the preparation of a report on recommendations regarding policies to help increase the competitiveness of Jamaican firms, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

Mexico

With the National Chamber of Manufacturing Industries, for the purpose of helping the institution set up a Focal Point for the Demand for Capital Goods.

With the Nuevo León Chamber of Manufacturing Industries, for the purpose of helping the institution to set up a Focal Point for the Demand of Capital Goods by training those responsible for its operation and enhancing their strategic planning capability.

Peru

With the Executive Secretariat for International Technical Cooperation of the Ministry for the Presidency, on technological development, international competitiveness and mechanisms for coordination of the public and private sectors, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

Venezuela

With the Executive Office of the Ministry of Economic Development, on business competitiveness policies, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With various chambers of industry, to plan the co-financing of a programme of action to business associations, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

With the Venezuelan Association of Chemical and Petrochemical Industries, on the design of a methodology for a study on competitive management for the benefit of the sector and the country, as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039.

iv) Training and fellowships

Lecture on economic growth and equity: ECLAC proposals, in the course entitled "New perspectives in international cooperation for development" offered by the Department of International Studies of the University of Padua (Padua, Italy, 25 February 1994).

Postgraduate course under the Master's Programme of the University of Havana on structural adjustment in Latin America, organized by Carleton University, Canada, and ECLAC (Havana, Cuba, 30 January-3 February and 13-18 February 1995).

Postgraduate course under the Master's Programme of the University of Havana (ECLAC/Carleton University) on the study of the current state and prospects of the Cuban pharmaceuticals industry (Havana, Cuba, 2-3 June 1995).

Postgraduate course on innovation theory and technological change under the Master's Programme in Economics of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 3-7 July 1995).

Postgraduate course on innovation theory and technological change under the Master's Programme in Economics of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, March-July 1995).

Introductory course in economics, first semester of 1995, Faculty of Economics of the University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, March-July 1995).

Course on industrial analysis of paper and pulp, organized by AVIA International of Brazil (Curitiba, Brazil, 29 November-1 December 1995).

Course-workshops on the computer program "Competitive analysis of nations" (CAN) at the following institutions:

- Institute for Training and Research in Plastics and Rubber of the Colombian Association of Plastics Industries. Also attending were officials from the National Manufacturers' Association, the Colombian Federation of Metallurgical Industries, the National Exporters' Association, the Ministry of Economic Development, the Colombian Farmers' Association, the National Association of Financial Institutions, ANDECOL, the National Federation of Merchants, and the Colombian International Corporation (Bogotá, Colombia, 20-24 February 1994).

- National Manufacturers' Association. Also attending were officials of the University of Antioquia, of the Antioquia Stockbreeders' Federation, the Pontifical Bolivarian University, the University of Medellín, the Industrial Development Corporation, the National University of Colombia, the Chamber of Commerce and Papel S.A. (Medellín, Colombia, 19-20 April 1994).

- APEC Educational Credit Foundation, Inc. Also attending were officials of the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Free Trade Zone Association (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 27-28 May 1994).

- Department for the Promotion of Exports (PROEXPORT) of the Colombian Ministry of Foreign Trade (Bogotá, Colombia, 12-13 July 1994).

- Bolivian Department of Agriculture and Livestock. Also attending were officials of the Departments of Mining, of Industry and Trade, of Provincial and Rural Development and of Energy, the National Institute of Statistics, the Ministry of Sustainable Development and the Environment, the Central Bank of Bolivia, the Ministry of Foreign and Religious Affairs and the training programme of the Department of Agriculture and Livestock (project UNDP/FAO/BOL/91/010) (La Paz, Bolivia, 21-24 November 1994).

- Invertir (Invest) Corporation of Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia, 28-29 November 1994).

- Office of the Council on Competitiveness of the Presidency of the Republic. Also attending were officials of the Colombian National Bureau of Statistics, the Pontifical Xaverian University, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Bank of the Republic and the Ministry of Economic Development (Bogotá, Colombia, 2-3 December 1994).

- Ministry for Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 22 December 1994).

- Spanish Centre for Latin American Studies (Madrid, Spain, 14-21 January 1995).

- Export Promotion Centre, Chamber of Industry, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry and Commerce of Costa Rica (San José, Costa Rica, 13 February 1995).

- The Economics and Development Foundation and the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 15 February 1995).

- University of Chile and ECLAC (Santiago, Chile, 6-7 March 1995).

- University of Talca (Talca, Chile, 27-29 April 1995).

- Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), as part of UNDP/ECLAC regional project RLA/88/039 (Kingston, Jamaica, 26 May 1995).

- Sectoral Coordination of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Public Works and Services of Argentina (Mendoza, Argentina, 2-3 June 1995).

- Chilean National Institute of Statistics (Santiago, Chile, 12-13 July 1995).

- Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Tijuana, Mexico, 15-16 August 1995).

- National Council of Rectors, the Costa Rica Technological Foundation, the Technological Institute of Costa Rica, the University of Costa Rica, the National University, and the State Distance Learning University (San José, Costa Rica, 24-26 October 1995).

- Ministry of Economic Affairs, Development and Reconstruction (Valparafso, Chile, 3-4 October 1995).

- Department of Cochabamba Chamber of Industry (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 17-19 October 1995).

- Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 November 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 5: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT FINANCING

International trade

During the two-year period covered by this report, activities for this portion of the subprogramme focused on the design of policies and mechanisms to foster the continued expansion and improvement of the commercial linkages of Lati: America and the Caribbean with the changing world economy, particularly in view of the current trends towards globalization in production and increasing liberalization of trade and finance.

To further that aim, eight documents were prepared in 1994. One of these documents (LC/R.1447) presents a preliminary assessment of the impact of the Uruguay Round on the countries of Latin America; another (LC/L.846) examines trends and prospects for Latin American exports of cotton fibre and yarn; another (LC/L.816) discusses coffee supply and demand in the world market; and the remaining five (LC/R.1434; LC/R.1435; LC/R.1441; LC/R.1442; LC/R.1468) are devoted to an analysis of trade and investment relations between Russia and Latin America.

In addition, two seminars were held during 1994. In the first seminar, on trade and investment between Latin America and Russia, the sessions focused on an analysis of investment and trade between the countries of Latin America and the Russian Federation. The general topics considered were the current situation, problems common to all or specific to certain countries, prospects, proposals and solutions. In the second seminar, on the Uruguay Round and development in Latin America, the main topics addressed were the prospects and impact for Latin America of the agreements reached in the Uruguay Round; the experience of concerted regional action in the negotiations; the overall process of negotiations on goods and services; and the new World Trade Organization.

In 1995, nine documents were prepared. One of these documents (LC/R.1586) concerns international trade negotiations and the agricultural agreement reached in the Uruguay Round; a second (LC/R.1504) analyses the world market for bananas; a third (LC/L.900) surveys Latin American exports of fish products; a fourth (LC/R.1589) contains a comparative analysis and interpretation of liberalization and growth in Chile and Uruguay; a fifth (LC/R.1587) concerns the attraction of foreign capital; a sixth (LC/R.1588) deals with trade in services; a further two (LC/L.877 and LC/R.1507) are devoted to economic relations with China and the European Union, respectively; and a ninth (LC/L.882) analyses trade relations between the countries of Latin America and Eastern Europe.

It should be noted that the seminar on Latin American and Caribbean trade policy in the new institutional context of trade, which was scheduled to be held in the second half of 1995, did not take place, owing to budgetary difficulties.

Development financing

Publications in this area included three case studies on the financing of small and medium-sized enterprises and on external financial flows into the Americas. Other publications included a book entitled El financiamiento de la pequeña y mediana empresa en América Latina: propuestas de acción a partir de la experiencia de México, and six issues of the Financiamiento del desarrollo series dealing with such topics as the securities markets and financing for small and medium-sized enterprises.

In addition, in 1994, a document entitled "Indicators and determinants of savings in Latin America and the Caribbean" was prepared and presented at a seminar organized by the World Bank on long-term growth and development, which was held in Spain in July 1994. Furthermore, a document entitled "Movimientos de capitales, estrategia exportadora y estabilidad macroeconómica en Chile" (LC/L.854) was completed for the joint ECLAC/International Development Research Centre (Canada) project CAN/93/S19, "Capital movements in the region"; a document on foreign capital inflows and macroeconomic policies was prepared and published in CEPAL Review No. 53 (LC/G.1832-P); and a study on international competitiveness and the macroeconomics of capital account opening was published as an ECLAC working paper.

In 1995, the terms of reference were established for studies on: regulation and supervision of financial conglomerates; the access of low- and medium-income strata to housing finance; and saving, financial institutions and capital formation in Latin America. A total of seven issues of the Financiamiento del desarrollo series were edited and published. One of these examines pension system reform; three are devoted to the financing of small and medium-sized enterprises; and a further three deal with the topic of capital flows.

Work also began on the joint ECLAC/Government of the Netherlands project HOL/94/S22, "Income distribution and poverty in recent stabilization and adjustment policies in Latin American and Caribbean countries", which was financed by the Government of the Netherlands. Preliminary versions of three case studies on this subject in relation to Argentina, Brazil and Colombia have been completed.

A new version was also published of the document for the joint ECLAC/German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) project on "Reforms of the financing of health systems in Latin America and the Caribbean"; work on this project began in July 1995. The relevant authorities in Argentina, Chile and Colombia were contacted in order to develop the design of the studies to be undertaken in these countries. A workshop was due to be conducted in January 1996 to launch the case studies in the three countries.

A workshop of experts was organized on a methodology for evaluating the distributive consequences of macroeconomic policies in Chile; in addition, a total of five national seminars on policies to support financing of small firms were held in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica and Ecuador.

In connection with the activities carried out together with the Latin American Economic System (SELA) on coordinating economic and social policy in Latin America and the Caribbean, a document was published entitled "La experiencia de ajuste durante la década de los ochenta en Latinoamérica, sus consecuencias distributivas y el diseño de políticas sociales" (LC/R.1463).

In addition, ECLAC is cooperating with the Central Bank and the Catholic University of Chile in an empirical analysis of inflation in Chile, involving the preparation and publication by ECLAC of a document entitled "Componentes internos y externos de la inflación en Chile: un enfoque de cointegración".

i) Documents

Economic survey of Canada, 1993 (LC/G.1838; LC/WAS/L.25).

Economic survey of the United States, 1993 (LC/G.1843; LC/WAS/L.26/Rev.1).

U.S. barriers to Latin American and Caribbean exports, 1994 (LC/G.1861; LC/WAS/L.28).

América Latina y el mercado mundial del café (LC/L.816).

Situación y perspectivas de desarrollo del mercado de valores del Ecuador, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 20 (LC/L.830).

Empresas de menor tamaño relativo: algunas características del caso brasileño, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 15 (LC/L.833).

El acceso de las pequeñas y medianas empresas al financiamiento y el programa nacional de apoyo a la PYME del gobierno chileno: balance preliminar de una experiencia, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 16 (LC/L.834).

La experiencia en el financiamiento de la pequeña y mediana empresa en Costa Rica, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 17 (LC/L.835).

Fondos de pensiones y desarrollo del mercado de capitales en Chile: 1980-1993, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 19 (LC/L.839).

Acceso a los mercados internacionales de capital y desarrollo de instrumentos financieros: el caso de México, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 18 (LC/L.843).

Tendencias y perspectivas de las exportaciones latinoamericanas de fibra e hilaza de algodón (LC/L.846).

La reanudación de las corrientes privadas de capital hacia América Latina: el papel de los inversionistas norteamericanos, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 22 (LC/L.853).

Movimientos de capitales, estrategia exportadora y estabilidad macroeconómica en Chile, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 23 (LC/L.854).

Corrientes de fondos privados europeos hacia América Latina: hechos y planteamientos, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 24 (LC/L.855).

Integración de las bolsas de valores en Centroamérica, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 21 (LC/L.856).

El movimiento de capitales en Argentina, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 25 (LC/L.857).

Repunte de los flujos de capital y el desarrollo: implicaciones para las políticas económicas, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 26 (LC/L.859).

Flujos de capital: el caso de México, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 27 (LC/L.861).

El financiamiento latinoamericano en los mercados de capital de Japón, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 28 (LC/L.862).

Recent economic trends in People's Republic of China implications for sino-latinoamerican trade (LC/L.877).

Reformas a los sistemas de pensiones en América Latina y el Caribe, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 29 (LC/L.879).

Análisis de las relaciones comerciales entre los países de América Latina y de Europa del Este (LC/L.882).

Análisis de las exportaciones latinoamericanas de productos de la pesca (LC/L.900).

Acumulación de reservas internacionales: sus causas y efectos en el caso de Colombia, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 30 (LC/L.901).

Financiamiento de las unidades económicas de pequeña escala en Ecuador, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 31 (LC/L.903).

Acceso de la pequeña y microempresa al sistema financiero en Bolivia: situación actual y perspectivas, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 32 (LC/L.907).

Private international capital flows to Brazil, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 33 (LC/L.909).

Políticas de financiamiento de las empresas de menor tamaño: experiencias recientes en América Latina, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 34 (LC/L.911)

Flujos financieros internacionales privados de capital a Costa Rica, Financiamiento del desarrollo series, No. 35 (LC/L.914)

International economic highlights, 1993 (LC/WAS/L.23).

Economic survey of the United States, 1993 ((LC/WAS/L.26).

International economic highlights, 1994 (LC/WAS/L.27).

Economic survey of Canada, 1994 (LC/WAS/L.29).

Las inversiones provenientes desde países de América Latina para efectuarse en el territorio de la Federación de Rusia: realidad escasa, perspectivas sugerentes y potencial enorme. Estudio basado en la experiencia de empresarios de Chile (LC/R.1434).

Situación y perspectivas de las relaciones comerciales entre Rusia y América Latina (LC/R.1435).

El intercambio comercial entre América Latina y Rusia: evolución y perspectivas (LC/R.1441).

Inversiones extranjeras directas en las relaciones económicas ruso-latinoamericanas (LC/R.1442).

The Uruguay Round of trade negotiations: an evaluation for Latin America and the Caribbean (LC/R.1447).

La experiencia de ajuste durante la década de los ochenta en Latinoamérica, sus consecuencias distributivas y el diseño de políticas sociales (LC/R.1463).

Informe del seminario sobre "Comercio e inversiones entre América Latina y Rusia" (LC/R.1468).

El mercado mundial del banano (LC/R.1504).

Recent changes in the European Union and their potential effects on Latin America (LC/R.1507).

Propuesta de programa y estructura de la Academia Diplomática de Nicaragua (LC/R.1580).

El acuerdo agrícola resultante de la Ronda Uruguay y sus implicancias en el acceso a los mercados para América Latina (LC/R.1586).

Políticas de captación de recursos externos a la luz del episodio de altas entradas de capital a la región en 1992-1994 (LC/R.1587).

El acuerdo general sobre el comercio de servicios: retos y oportunidades para América Latina y el Caribe (LC/R.1588).

Apertura y crecimiento en las experiencias de Chile y Uruguay: análisis comparado e interpretación (LC/R.1589).

El GATT 94 y la Organización Mundial del Comercio: una nueva agenda para Uruguay (LC/MVD/R.125/Rev.1).

CEPAL News, vol. XIV, Nos. 1-12.

CEPAL News, vol. XV, Nos. 1-12.

Books published by arrangement with publishing houses

El financiamiento de la pequeña y mediana empresa en América Latina: propuestas de acción a partir de la experiencia de México, published by SRV Impresores, Santiago, Chile, June 1994.

Articles published in other periodicals

"Some features on current pension system reform in Latin America", Revista de análisis económico, vol. 9, No. 1, Santiago, Chile, June 1994.

ii) Meetings, seminars and conferences

Organized by the subprogramme

Seminar on trade and investment between Latin America and Russia, under project RUS/90/S03, "The foreign economic policy of Russia and its implications for Latin America and the Caribbean" (Santiago, Chile, 22-23 September 1994).

Seminar on the Uruguay Round and development in Latin America (Santiago, Chile, 17-18 November 1994).

Workshop of experts on a methodology for evaluating the distributive consequences of macroeconomic policies (Santiago, Chile, 16-17 January 1995).

National seminar on recent experiences with the financing of small firms, organized by ECLAC, UNDP and the Institute of Socio-economic and Technological Research (INSOTEC) (Quito, Ecuador, 30 March 1995).

National seminar on the financing of small firms: the current situation and prospects (La Paz, Bolivia, 9 May 1995).

Seminar on foreign direct investment in Latin America: new developments and promotional strategies, organized jointly by the Foreign Investment Committee of Chile and the Foreign Investment Advisory Service of the World Bank (Santiago, Chile, 25-26 May 1995).

National seminar on recent experiences with support and financing policies for smaller firms in Latin America (Brasilia, 3 October 1995).

National seminar on support and financing policies for smaller firms in Latin America, organized by ECLAC, UNDP and the Costa Rican Chamber of Industry (San José, 25 October 1995).

National seminar on recent experiences with the financing of smaller firms in Latin America, organized by ECLAC, UNDP and the Industrial Development Institute (Bogotá, Colombia, 27 November 1995).

Participation in other meetings and conferences

Presentation of a working document entitled "Modelling the demand for money with cointegrated variables: the case of Chile", at the Annual Meeting of Chilean Economists (Santiago, Chile, 15 May 1994).

International roundtable on new methods of managing resources for social development, sponsored by the German Foundation for International Development (DSE) (Berlin, 21-24 June 1994).

Seminar on development experiences in Latin America, the Caribbean and India, organized by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Santiago, Chile, 22-24 June 1994).

Presentation of the working document entitled "Indicators and determinants of savings in Latin America and the Caribbean" at the seminar on long-term growth and development, organized jointly by the World Bank, UNCTAD and Complutense University of Madrid (Madrid, 11-13 July 1994).

Seminar on pension systems and options for reform, organized by the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and the Latin American Institute of Social Theory and Social Studies (ILADES) (Rio de Janeiro, 27-29 July 1994).

Meeting of Trade Policy Officials of Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by LAIA, ECLAC and SELA (Quito, Ecuador, 10-11 October 1994).

Seminar on large investors, trends and opportunities, organized by FININVEST BANK (Miami, Florida, 13-14 October 1994).

Regional meeting of experts on the World Summit for Social Development, organized by SELA, UNESCO, the Latin American Social Sciences Council (CLACSO), and the Centre for Development Studies (CENDES) of Venezuela. Presentation of a report on the document entitled "La experiencia de ajuste durante la década de los ochenta en Latinoamérica, sus consecuencias distributivas y el diseño de políticas sociales" (Caracas, 17-18 November 1994).

Presentation of a working document entitled "Componentes internos y externos de la inflación en Chile: un enfoque de cointegración" at the seminar on empirical analysis of inflation in Chile, organized by the Catholic University of Chile (Santiago, Chile, 25 November 1994).

National seminar on reform of pension systems in Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by the Ministry of Finance and Pricing of Cuba (Havana, 10-13 January 1995).

Presentation on current pension system reforms at a tripartite workshop on social security alternatives, organized by ECLAC, UNDP and ILO (Asunción, Paraguay, 27-30 March 1995).

Presentation on regulation and supervision of the banking system at a conference organized by the Association of Peruvian Economists and the Catholic University of Chile (Lima, Peru, 3 April 1995).

Presentation on international capital flows and macroeconomic policy for the dialogue of high-level government officials on new orientations for international macroeconomic coordination: implications for Latin America and the Caribbean, organized by SELA and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia (Bogotá, 22-25 May 1995).

Participation in the meeting of experts on the role of investment and financing in changing production patterns in Central America, organized by ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico and co-sponsored by the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) (Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 3-4 July 1995).

Presentation on financial stability and reasonable supervision of the banking system, presented at the seminar on experience of socio-economic change in Latin America and problems encountered in stabilizing the social and economic situation in Russia, organized by the Latin America Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation and ECLAC (Moscow, 11-13 September 1995).

International seminar on international trade agreements: challenges and opportunities for Ecuador (Guayaquil, 14 September 1995, and Quito, 15 September 1995).

Nineteenth International Conference of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), organized by LASA (Washington, 28-29 September 1995).

Presentation on the promotion of saving and pension systems, presented at the seminar on the saving/investment process in the context of structural adjustment, organized by the Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA), the Central Bank of Brazil and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) (Porto Alegre, Brazil, 6-7 November 1995).

Presentation at the regional seminar on basic social security versus social insurance: the challenge to the social policy of the Southern cone countries, organized by the German Foundation for International Development (DSE) and the Information and Research Centre of Uruguay (CIESU), paper, "Models of funding for social security systems: introduction and general overview" (Montevideo, Uruguay 3-8 December 1995).

Presentation on promoting savings and investment systems in Latin America, given at the twenty-third National Economics Symposium and the twenty-seventh Brazilian Econometrics Symposium, organized by the National Economic Research Association of Brazil (ANPEC) (Salvador, Brazil, 12-15 December 1995).

iii) Technical cooperation

Argentina

With the Inter-American Centre for Tax and Financial Administration (CITAF), on the subject of trade policy in Latin America.

With the National University of Central Buenos Aires Province, in relation to its master's programme in international relations.

Brazil

With the Getúlio Vargas Foundation and the Brazilian Ministry of Social Welfare, for the purpose of analysing two proposals for social welfare reform and promoting an exchange of academic studies and experiences at the international level on options for reforming pension systems.

Brazil and the United States

With the Economic Research Center of Florida International University and the Ministry of Social Welfare of Brazil, for the purposes of analysing the current status of pension reform in Latin America and its connection with saving and investment in the region.

Costa Rica

With the Costa Rican Union of Chambers and Associations of Private Enterprise and UNDP, in connection with the Forum on Alternatives for Reforming Pension Systems.

Chile

With the Central Bank of Chile, on regulation of the banking system and subordinated debt, for the purpose of advising the chairman of the Central Bank and the Directors in charge of renegotiating the subordinated debt that several banks owe to the Central Bank.

El Salvador

With the Central Reserve Bank and the Economic Cabinet, on a bill to reform banking law in El Salvador.

Honduras

With the Government of Honduras and the ECLAC/Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) meeting of experts on investment in Central America, under project HON/93/009, "Support for macroeconomic and financial management of national accounts by the Central Bank of Honduras".

With the Central Bank, on policies on reserve requirements and open-market operations, under project HON/93/009.

Russian Federation

With the Latin American Institute of the Academy of Sciences, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and the Foreign Affairs Committee of the State Duma (the lower chamber of the supreme legislative body), under project RUS/90/S03, "The foreign economic policy of Russia and its implications for Latin America and the Caribbean".

iv) Training and fellowships

Preparation of teaching materials for the second module on population, and development policies and programmes of the ECLAC/CELADE Post-Graduate Course on Population and Development, under the UNFPA Global Programme of Training in Population and Development (Santiago, Chile, July 1994).

Classes on public policies given in the second international course on economic reforms and strategic public management organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 3 September-20 October 1994).

Classes on the theory of international trade and monetary and financial policy given in the master's programme in economics offered by the Carleton University (Canada) and the University of Havana (Cuba), under the ECLAC cooperation agreement with the University of Havana (Havana, 10-25 April 1995).

Classes on Latin America's linkages with the global economy, given in the master's programme on development in Latin America offered by the International University of Andalucía (La Rábida, Spain, 17 April-16 June 1995).

Classes on the capital movements, given in the course on Bolivia and prospects for the international economy organized by the Centre for Higher University Studies, Universidad Mayor de San Simón (Cochabamba, Bolivia, 10-13 July 1995).

Classes on international trade statistics, given in the international course offered by the Inter-American Statistical Training Center (CIENES) (Santiago, Chile, 26-28 July 1995).

Classes given in the third international course on public policies, economic reforms and strategic public management organized by ILPES (Santiago, Chile, 4 November-5 December 1995).

SUBPROGRAMME 6: NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

The work of what is now the Natural Resources and Energy Unit is focused on addressing issues of institutional management, defining the roles of the State, particularly in regard to privatization and regulation, contributing to the design and application of public policies for integrated natural resource management and providing support for the regional implementation of international environmental agreements which relate to natural resource management.

In the area of water resources, two meetings of experts were convened at the regional level, in collaboration with UNEP, to study the effects of Agenda 21 on integrated water resource management in Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC headquarters, March 1994 and December 1995) and to discuss the application of the recommendations contained in chapter 18 and other relevant chapters. The meetings dealt in particular with public policies for sustainable development in relation to water resources, integrated watershed management, water legislation, privatization of utilities and the market for water. In addition, the Unit organized, in conjunction with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), a regional seminar-workshop on private-sector participation in water enterprises (ECLAC headquarters, October 1995). The Unit continued to provide support to the network for cooperation in integrated water resource management for sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean, set up four years ago by agencies in charge of managing water resources in the region; the Unit's contribution entailed helping to organize courses and providing advisory services.

In the area of marine resources, the emphasis continued to be placed on the themes of chapter 17 of Agenda 21 (protection of the oceans and seas of all kinds) and other related chapters, such as those concerning biodiversity and the transportation of hazardous products and wastes. In the area of ocean policy, the mandates of the international regime were applied to subsequent negotiations (high-seas fisheries, the International Sea-Bed Authority, biodiversity, pollution of marine resources by land-based sources), taking into consideration social equity, the role of the State and the regulation of markets. Advisory assistance was provided to Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay in formulating a strategy on coastal management and to the Chilean small-scale fishing industry in preparing fishery development projects.

In the area of hazardous wastes, the Unit's activities were in keeping with the mandates of General Assembly resolution 44/226, chapters 20 and 38 of Agenda 21 and ECLAC resolution 544(XXV). The Unit worked closely with the secretariat for the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal in assisting the countries of the region to apply the Convention.

In the area of mineral resources, a regional seminar was organized on modernizing mining legislation in Latin America and the Caribbean (Havana, Cuba, 14-16 November 1994). The Unit continued to compile and update information in its mining data bank, and to provide technical assistance and support to the Latin American Mining Organization (OLAMI). In addition, Governments continued to receive support in the formulation of policies regarding small and medium-scale mining operations.

In the area of energy, a highlight was the organization of the seminar on the role of new and renewable sources of energy in the sustainable development of Latin America and the Caribbean: the case for geothermal energy (Santiago, October 1995). ECLAC and the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) continued to carry out the project on support for the formulation of energy policies, with